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Happy Spring!

What an exciting time to be a Virginia Senator! It was a great to see over 50 senators attending our recent Winter Meeting in Virginia Beach. There was an enthusiastic crowd that gathered on Friday night to be whisked away to Paris for night to remember. Thanks to Senator Brenda Yankey #49720 for organizing our very special fondue night. Donning our cute French berets, we dipped and nibbled our way through a menu of savory, sweet and healthy foods. We had so much fun! No one left hungry that's for sure! Brenda was recognized as our Senator of the Quarter for her many months of planning and preparation that went into the very successful Adventure to Paris.

Our special guests for the weekend were US JCI Senate President Susan Hatcher #58143 and US JCI Senate Region III Vice President Judy Neussle 62267 both making their official visits to Virginia.

Thank you to Community Engagement Director John Mosesso #71551 for organizing our hygiene and cleaning supplies drive for Samaritan House. Many thanks to all the Senators who donated. Your gifts to those who you will never meet is truly special and embodies the words in our Jaycee Creed that "service to humanity is the best work of life!" The school supplies ensured students had the necessary supplies to further their education.

A major highlight of the weekend was the presentations of 8 new senatorships. Please join me in welcoming our newest Senators:

- Dawn McKay #81558 - Peninsula
- Karen Rostov Kendall #81559 – Peninsula
- Ron Wudarczyk - #81560 – Virginia Beach
- Jaketa Thompson #81561 – Virginia Beach
- Monica Loving #81562 – Chesterfield
- Ruth Ann Bates #81563- Chesterfield
- Linda Silleker #81564 - Chesterfield
- Bill Duncan #81565 – Chesterfield

After the banquet, we gathered in the Senate Suite for a special champagne toast for our newest inductees. The next morning a new senator orientation was conducted to welcome our newest senators.

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Who could forget the wonderful mixologists among our Senate family? Saturday night's Martini Mix-off from French café to Bourbon Street and everything in between, made for a fun evening. See Martini Mix-off Chair Tom Cramer's #61957 article for Winner's Circle and other highlights.

Our May meeting (May 5-7) in Glen Allen should be an exciting time with the Life Member Association. Registration deadline is April 30.

We will be having our Senate elections for President, Vice President and our five directors. Reminder, to vote you must be a dues paying member.

Then it's on-to our National Year-End Celebration in St. Louis, MO, June 26-30, 2023. Come Experience the Senate.

Your involvement with the Virginia Senate is your Passport to Adventure. Come join us!

Yours in the Spirit of the Senate!  
Beth Fujishige, President #69219  
Virginia JCI Senate



## *Saturday Board Meeting*

Click on the senator to pay  
your dues



My Fellow Virginian Senators:

It was a pleasure to serve you this year as your Vice President. So many wonderful events we have experienced and there are wonderful plans for the future.

It is exciting to have our spring meeting near my home and the history of our State Capital. I hope everyone will come out to this joint meeting with the Life Member Association. It will be a great meeting for everyone.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this year as Vice President.

I can't wait to see you all at the May Meeting.

**Sheri Polychrones #78710**  
Vice President  
*"Let the Adventures Begin. Cheers!"*



Hello VA Senators,

It's that time of year again, to prepare for electing next year's leadership team at the May meeting. In May, we'll officially nominate candidates and conduct elections for President, Vice President, and five Director positions.

As I reported at the February meeting, here are the announced candidates for the following positions:

President	<b>Sheri Polychrones</b>
Vice President	<b>Tom Cramer</b>
At-Large (Mentors Program)	<b>Jen Reby</b>
Bar	<b>Tracy Bishop</b>
Hospitality	<b>John Mosesso</b>
Communications	<b>Hope Ellison</b>
Rooms Reservations and Outings	[No announced candidate at this time]

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing everyone in May!

Lillian Cheng #72962  
Chairman of the Board



*Humble yourself before the Lord and he will lift you high. People who are gentle, humble and able always have a great ending no matter how small and where obscured they have started!" —Israelmore Ayivor*

*"The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever." (Isaiah 32:7)*

Our Senate year has offered many adventures as advertised, and there will be even more to experience before our passports expire in June. As we approach the home stretch, reflect on what you want to accomplish, and how you can share your heart and abilities. There is still no guarantee that the road ahead will be easy, or even look like what you expect, but you will go the distance by offering true service. It will also be worth it. I look forward to seeing the difference we make, now and in the years to come!

Be Blessed in your day-to-day Adventures,  
Chris Hienz #75470

*"Let's shine for the Adventure!"*

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Hello Senators!

In the last newsletter, I asked you to keep your fingers crossed. Well, it worked! **Mark Mitchell #80474 was nationally recognized for Return the Favor** at the US JCI Senate Board of Directors meeting in Louisiana! Kudos to Mark!

It's springtime and there are plenty of opportunities for Senators to share their time and knowledge. I am seeking submissions for the **June 1<sup>st</sup>** deadline. Please encourage your local chapters to nominate those Senators who actively Return the Favor. Let me know if I can reach out to assist with the nomination process. The forms are available on the US JCI Senate website at <http://www.usjcisenate.org/programs/return-the-favor>.



We Experience the Senate best when we Return the Favor. It's been a privilege this year to share the true commitment of our Virginia Senators. See you in May!

Jennifer Rebbly #75071  
Return the Favor Chair

Greetings & Salutations Senators!

We had a wonderful time in Virginia Beach in February and we welcomed the following 8 New Senators to the family and had an orientation for them Sunday morning.

Dawn McKay #81558, Peninsula Jaycees  
Karen Rostov #81559, Peninsula Jaycees  
Ron Wudarczyk #81560, Virginia Beach Jaycees  
Jaketa Clark Thompson #81561, Virginia Beach Jaycees  
Monica Loving #81562 Chesterfield Jaycees  
Ruth Ann Bates #81563 Chesterfield Jaycees  
Linda Sillekar #81564, Chesterfield Jaycees  
Bill Duncan #81565, Chesterfield Jaycees

If you need assistance with getting your paperwork ready for a Jaycee Senatorship please contact me as soon as possible.

The deadline for our May recipients is April 10, 2023 to submit the paperwork to me to be processed.

See you down in Richmond the first weekend in May!

Karen DeWitt Gage #78980  
Liaison Director 2022-2023  
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Cell: 571-474-5264



*"The adventure will begin when we award new Senators this year. Who will you help recognize to join us on the adventure this year?"*



# WELCOME TO THE VIRGINIA JCI SENATE FAMILY

## Dawn McKay | Senator 81558

Dawn joined the Jaycees in 2014. She served her chapter as Community Development Director and VP, Chapter President and Chairman of the Board. She chaired many projects including Haunted House Volunteer Coordinator and Hospitality Chair, Slide the City, Life's a Beach Triathlon for 3 years, Adopt-A-Spot, and Christmas Shopping for Families. She served on many other committees as well as participated in countless activities within the chapter.

She received several awards including Officer of the Quarter and Year from the VA Jaycees. She is a Life Member of the Virginia Jaycees and served on the board as Management VP.



## KAREN ROSTOV KENDALL | SENATOR 81559

Karen joined the Jaycees in 1990. She served her chapter as Membership Director, Individual Development Director and State Director in two of the three chapters she was a part of. She served the Virginia Jaycees as Public Relations Director.

She chaired many notable projects including Thanksgiving baskets, Camp work Party mini golf course renovation, Sign Language, CPG Training, Leukemia Bowl-a-thon, and Leadership Academy that was recognized with first place awards by both the Virginia Jaycees and the US Jaycees.

She also chaired and earned a project of the quarter award for the extension of the Peninsula Jaycees.



**RON WUDARCZYK | SENATOR 81560**

Ron joined the Jaycees in 2012. He served his chapter as Membership VP, Community Development VP, Management VP, Individual Development VP and State Director.

He has chaired & co-chaired the East Coast Surfing Championship twice. He has been the Out of the Darkness Walk Liaison for seven years, as well as Being a committee member of the First Citizen of Virginia Beach for two years and served seven years on the Committee for the Christmas Shopping Tour. He received his Virginia Jaycees Life Membership award in 2020.



**JAKETA CLARK THOMPSON | SENATOR 81561**

Jaketa joined the Jaycees in 2017. She served her chapter as Communications Director, Chapter President and Immediate Past President. She went on to serve the Virginia Jaycees as Management Development Vice President, State President, Immediate Past President and is currently serving as a JCI USA's National Vice President.

She has been a committee member of the Virginia Beach Jaycees Shopping Tour for 3 years and its Chairman 2 times. She has been a member of the East Coast Surfing Championships committee for 6 years and is the current Co-Chair of the event this year's event, and is a 2-year Committee member for the First Citizen of VA Beach and its chair, twice.





**MONICA LOVING | SENATOR 81562**

Monica joined the Jaycees in 1999. She served her chapter as Treasurer, Management Develop VP, State Director, Chapter President and Chairman of the Board. She served the Virginia Jaycees as Citizen Corps Program Manager and Regional Director, as well as being a member of the Corps of Virginia Gentleman.

She chaired several of her chapter's foundational projects including Christmas Shopping Tour, Rainbow of Arts and Christmas Tree Lot. She received several awards including Outstanding Local Officer, the Eldridge K. Hayes State Director award, Outstanding Local President and the #1 Chapter.

She was also recognized as an Outstanding Regional Director as well as a Novice Speak up winner. She received her Life Membership for the Chesterfield Jaycees in addition to the Virginia Jaycees Life Member award.



**RUTH ANN BATES | SENATOR 81563**

Ruth joined the Jaycees in 1988. She served her chapter as Community Development VP, Individual Development VP, Chapter President and Chairman of the Board. She was a member of the Corps of Virginia Gentleman.

Cap stone projects chaired include the Christmas Shopping Tour, Craft Fair, Christmas Tree Lot, Youth sports events and Caritas. She received awards at every position in her chapter.

In addition to being a Chesterfield Jaycees Life Member she is a Virginia Jaycees Life Member and chairman of the Wine Tours for the LMA.



**LINDA SILLEKER | SENATOR 81564**

Linda joined the Jaycees in 1996. They served her chapter as Treasurer, Community Development Director, Management VP, Individual Development VP, State Director, Chapter President and Chairman of the Board.

She chaired several events including Christmas Shopping tour, Christmas Mother, Rainbow of Arts, Christmas Tree Lot, Caritas, A senior volunteer reception and her local chapters 50th Anniversary Celebration. She received many awards including Awards for her projects, Local Officer, Outstanding State Director and Outstanding President. She was a member of the Corps of Virginia Gentleman.

In addition to being a Chesterfield Jaycees Life Member she received her Virginia Jaycees Life Member Award as well.



**BILL DUNCAN # 81565**

Bill served his chapter as Secretary 3 times, State Director, and Communications Director. He Chaired Ukrop's Golden Gift, Pitch Hit and Run, Glow necklace sales and Punt, Pass & Kick.

He was a member of the Corps of VA Gentleman and served as Secretary. He is a Chesterfield Jaycee Life Member and a Virginia Jaycees Life Member and has served them the last three years as Membership VP.

He received many awards throughout his tenure as the most notable ones include chapter, regional and state awards for man miles and chapter visitations. He was also a First place winner for VA in Jaycee Jeopardy where he went to Dayton OH to represent Virginia in the National Jaycee Jeopardy competition where he was a Top 10 Finalist.







Happy Spring Everyone! As the weather warms, finding time to hang-out with friends and family can be difficult. We are always busy, which limits us to evenings and weekends. This makes the time spent with friends more precious than ever.

Then there's long-distance friends to think about or those you've reconnected with. How do you start getting to know these people again? One way is to attend some socials and gathering around the State this Spring & early Summer. Please refer to the calendar for upcoming events in your area. I would like to thank all of the people who have helped organize our dinners and events over the past few months.

Of course there's social media for keeping in touch, but we both know that's not enough. We enjoy being with our friends face to face.

Let's start making new memories with this list of activities to do with your friends. Please let me know if you have any ideas for social gatherings during the last part our year. Thank you for all of your support.

Jack Ferry #76561, Socials and Outings Director



Hello "Buds",



Join Michigan JCI Senate President, Wendy Taylor #71712, for our next Speaker Series.

It was at a Jaycee Beer festival that Wendy first realized how vast the world of beer is. In the 16 years since then, she has taken her love of craft beer to a whole new level as a level one Cicerone and an active participant in a ridiculously large number of beer groups. As one of the hosts for *Better on Draft*, a podcast that includes beer news and weekly chats with folks in the beer industry, she is living the Beer Enthusiasts' dream. Part-time writer, struggling influencer, and avid traveler, Wendy has visited breweries in 25 States, 3 Countries, and 8 Caribbean Islands.

Join Wendy as she talks about how her love for beer has led to her being a social influencer in the beer world!

Date/Time: March 21, 2023 07:00 PM ET

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84432157246?pwd=NFpJVElzcEVTMWVDbkRla0Rzcm0wdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 3215 7246

Passcode: 069777

See You on Zoom:  
Amy Tenhouse #72693

***'Taking you on an Adventure with every Community Service Project'***

Welcome to Spring Fellow Senators, a time for renewal.

Thank you to all the Senators that made donations for the Samaritan House, we were able to complete 15 of the Welcome kits and collected multiple items towards the Home kits. Samaritan House was very impressed with the response and keeping in line with the items requested. These will go a long way when women and children are placed in safe homes.

A shout out to our junior Senator Jeremiah Sleeth for his donation of school supplies to Sedgefield Elementary School.

Our friends at Hilton Baptist Church asked if we could assist in collecting new or gently used non-fiction paperback books for elementary age children. The Virginia Women's Missionary Union, together with the Peninsula Baptist Association are working together to support children at the Standing Rock Reservation. Please bring to the May meeting if you have appropriate books that you would like to donate to the worthy cause or let me know if you are unable to make the May meeting

Our May project is still in the works and the plan is to hopefully have it as interactive as we started out in August.

Thank you for all of your support for these service projects. You have touch the lives of others in such a considerable, substantial, and meaningful way.

'And that service to humanity is the best work of life'.



Yours in Jaycees Gratefulness and Thanks,  
John Mosesso #71551

***Service Project for Samaritan House***





# US JCI SENATE FOUNDATION

Spring always reminds me of a new beginning and that it is never too late to start something different. I'd like to invite you all to visit the leaderboard for the Virginia Adventure 5000 and see which senators have been putting in the steps toward our walking goal. Congratulations to Eboni Lee who is leading the pack.

I hope you will join us at the May meeting for our normal 50/50 as well as an auction with the proceeds going to the US JCI Senate Foundation. The first item in the auction is a white Jaycee Women blanket which belonged to Elizabeth Benka. The second is the hospitality suite sign which has been beautifully framed. There will be a \$50 minimum bid for each of these items. If you would like to participate in this auction but will not be at the meeting, please send your bid to me through this [link](#).

Another way to support the **US JCI Senate Foundation** is through the **500 Club**. There are monthly drawings (on the 20th of each month) for 2 - \$100 and 6 - \$50 winners. There are limited tickets sold for this drawing. I have ticket numbers 361 through 448. Tickets are \$10 for one or \$50 for six. If you are interested, please let me know and if you would like specific numbers.

Thank you for your support of our efforts to raise money for the US JCI Senate Foundation.



Kay Faries  
Region 3 Representative  
US JCI Senate Foundation



The February meeting was fantastique! A special shout out to Brenda Yankey for hosting the incredible Fondue dinner. Brenda put in a lot of work and effort to make this event spécial for everyone who attended. Beth Fujishige deserves snaps for adding plenty of French flair with the photo opportunités and the bérets. Merci beaucoup Senators!

I would also like to thank everyone for the delicious food we enjoyed in the Senate Hospitality Suite all weekend. Your generosity is appreciated more than you know. The people who give you their food give you their heart. In May, we are off to the races!

Attendees should plan to wear their most elaborate and unique outfits, hats or both and indulge in a drink of mint julep and Derby Lemonade. We will also celebrate the most exciting two minutes of the Kentucky Derby as our passport to adventure keeps us in the good ole U.S.A. We will have fun trivia and games to entertain too. Let's plan for the majority of festivities to take place Saturday night in the Senate Suite.

It is always nice to have the usual snacks available in the Senate Hospitality Suite, so please feel free to bring your favorite snacks you like to share. Additionally, I would like to request for those who want to participate in the menu items that are popular for the derby, here is a list of options that are the most popular:

Country Ham Biscuits – Tracy Bishop  
Cucumber Sandwiches  
Pimento Cheese Dip  
Bourbon Balls  
Hushpuppies  
Mac & Cheese

Deviled Eggs  
Rum Cake  
Beer Cheese Spread  
Shrimp  
Bourbon Meatballs

There are so many options, so please feel free to let me know what you would like to contribute to the food and fun.

We will still provide you a “stamp” in your passport as we enjoy southern cuisine.

Get your “stamp” in your passport as we travel the world through our palette.  
Tracy Bishop #73106  
[shebish@icloud.com](mailto:shebish@icloud.com)  
804-833-3482

*“Remember, Virginia is for Lovers **AND** Hospitality. Enjoy the friendships and food in our hospitality suite.”*





# A Night to Remember in Paris

Special thanks to Brenda Yankey!!







# VA ADVENTURE 5000



Kay Faries, #70346, Region III Representative, USJCI Senate Foundation

Lace up your walking/running shoes and raise money for the US JCI Senate Foundation. We will work together as a team to walk/run 5,000 miles during President Beth's year. For more information about our adventure please go to our website <https://www.vajcisenate.org/about-3>. This program gives everyone the opportunity to support the US JCI Senate Foundation and create a healthier you.

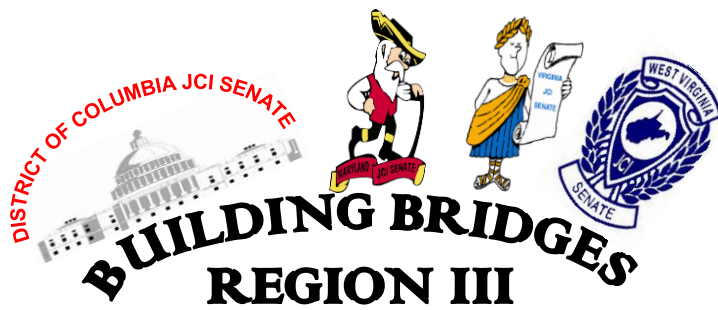
*Register for the VA Adventure 5000* *Submit payment for registration*





# Saturday Night Banquet





*Today is our bridge to tomorrow,  
a span we walk for a lifetime.*

Thank you, Brenda Yankey, #49720, for hosting an Evening in Paris fondue party! John Mosesso, #71551, had us putting items together for the community service project for the Samaritan House. Thank you, Tom Cramer, #61957, for coordinating the Martini Mix-Off. Kay Faries, #70346, had us walking the boardwalk for the VA Adventure 5000 to support the Foundation fundraiser. Wow! What a weekend, never a dull moment. VA JCI Senate you ROCK!!!!!!

If you haven't already registered to come to the Mid-Atlantic Institute meeting, which is the Region II and III meeting, on March 30th through April 2nd, get your registration in soon. It's only 2 weeks away.

I hope to see many of you at the US JCI Senate Annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, June 25th through 29th. Region 3 folks will be gathering on Tuesday evening for dinner. We will have details out when we get closer to the weekend, please join us if you will be there.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the various folks from Virginia JCI Senate who have helped support me and the various Region 3 activities all year long: Region Chaplain, Peggy McHugh#62466; Region OnTo Coordinator, Karen Gage #78980; Region Newsletter Editor, Hope Ellison, #71378; and US JCI Senate Foundation Region 3 Representative Kay Faries, #70346. Many of you also have responsibilities in your state but offered to help me with the various activities for our Region. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do!

I'm extremely proud to be serving our region this year. It is obvious that Virginia Senators are BUILDING BRIDGES and making new friendships everywhere you go. Keep up the wonderful work you do in your state and beyond. Your adventures await!

Judy Nuessle #62267  
Region III NVP

Hello Virginia JCI Senators!

I had a wonderful time visiting the Virginia JCI Senators during the February 17th through the 19th weekend event. US JCI Senate President, Susan Hatcher, #58143, came for a visit and had the opportunity to see your state in action.

Thank you, Beth Fujishige #69219, for allowing Danny and I to visit and making us feel welcome.





Hello Fellow Senators,

I want to thank everyone that competed in the Martini Mix-Off that was held during the Virginia JCI Senate Winter Meeting last month in Virginia Beach. Seven teams competed – each with its own unique theme, decorations, presentation, and flavors. Needless to say, all of the attendees enjoyed an entertaining evening and a wide variety of cocktails!

In line with previously held competitions, to determine the 2023 champion mixologists, competitors were judged on three criteria: Booth Decoration, Martini Presentation, and of course, Martini Taste. This year, the three judges tasked with determining the winners were US JCI Senate President Susan Hatcher #58143, Region III NVP Judy Nuessle #62267, and our expert Bar Tender Jodi Dean #77722. Every event attendee was also given a ticket which they could place in the box of which team they wanted to be recognized as the “people’s choice” winner.

However, before revealing the results, I want to provide full disclosure. As we all remember from our days of being a Jaycee, no project goes off without some sort of hitch, and this project was no exception. Later in the evening, after the judges turned in their sheets, the winners were announced, and the event was over, it was discovered that there was a problem with the formula in the spreadsheet that tabulated the judges’ scores. Once the error in the formula was corrected and the scores were recalculated, the winners of the Best Martini as determined by the official judges were also changed. Thus, the results revealed in this article are different from those announced on the night of the competition. The following week after the meeting, the two teams that were affected by this error were contacted to forewarn them of the change in rankings and humbly asked for their forgiveness and understanding for any confusion and disappointment. Now, on with the announcement ...

First, I must say that the competition this year was stiff, and the decision of the judges was likewise difficult. The proof!?! There was only a 3 Points separation in the scores between first, second and third places! Here are the 2023 Virginia JCI Senate Martini Mix-Off winners:

1st Place - Confetti Queens— Anne Johnson #49625 and Karen Gage #78980  
2nd Place - Le Cardinals— Tom King #59642, Kathleen King #68704,  
Jacque Camlet #67098 and John Robinson #55768  
3rd Place - The Cherry Poppers- Sam Young #37972 and Letha Grimes #63946

Crowd Favorite (aka People’s Choice winner) - Paul Mitchell Creations  
John Paul #80475, Mark Mitchell #80474 and Michelle Mitchell

A huge “Thank You” to our Judges and everyone who participated in the competition... Jeff Bobich # 72309 and his wife Angela Bobich, Lillian Cheng #72962, Vanessa Kinsley #70985, Ruth Ann Bates #81563 and Tracy Bishop #73106. Please know that all of your hard work and dedication to the project is greatly appreciated!! I’m also grateful to everyone who supported the teams by partaking in their delicious beverages, casting their votes, and joining in on the fun. In the end, a great time was had by all. In fact, there is already talk of “rematches” and who is going to keep, steal, or reclaim the title of Best Martini in the 2024 competition. Be sure you don’t miss it – there is no telling what crazy fun ideas will come to light next year!!

Finally, it is my pleasure to announce, while we couldn’t charge for the event we still managed to raise over \$100 in donations for the Senate Foundation.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Senate gathering.

With warm regards,  
Tom Cramer  
VA JCI Senate Bar Chair  
BarVASenate@gmail.com



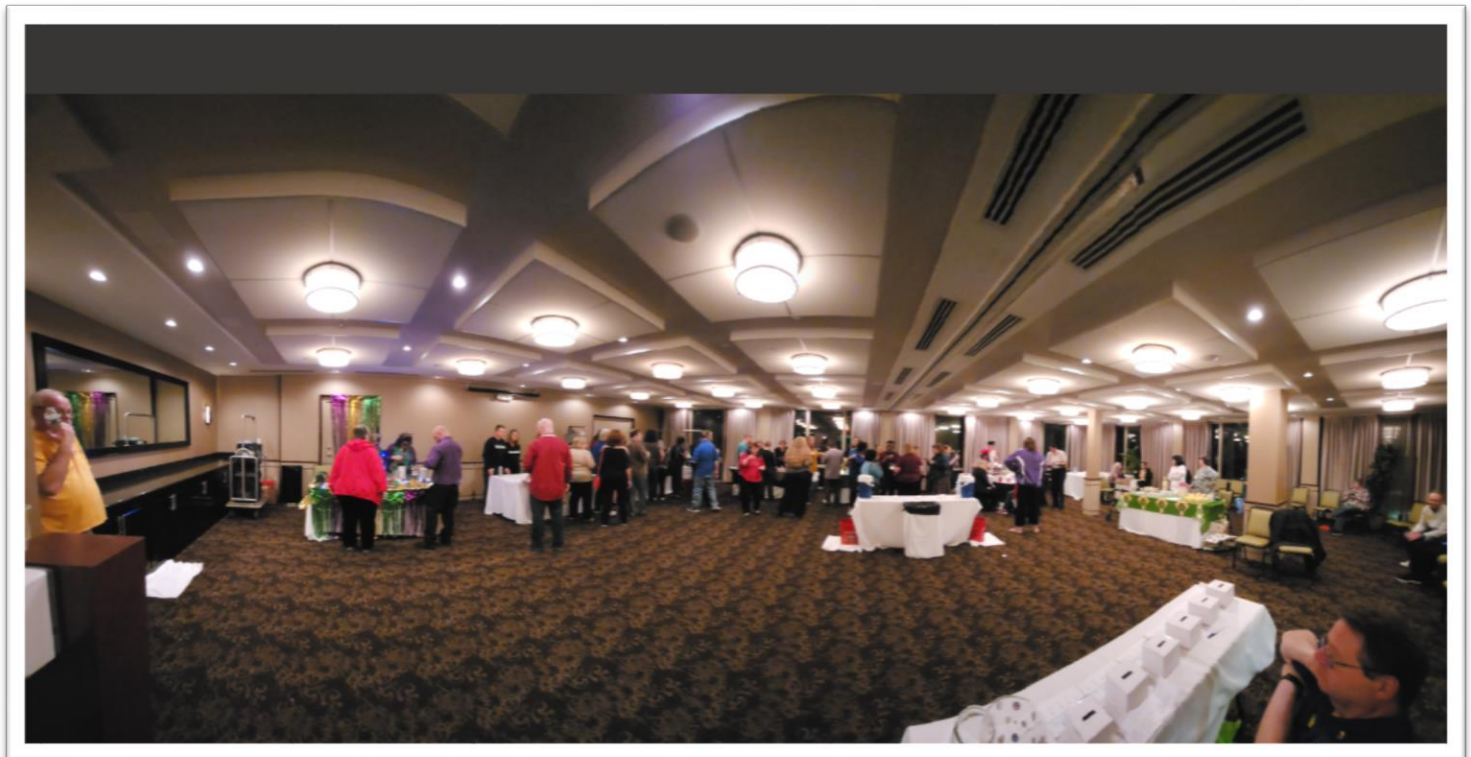


*Martini Mixoff Winner*

*Confetti Queens*



*Martini Mixoff  
People's Choice Award  
Paul Mitchell Creations*





# Saturday Night Martini Mix-off



*Martini Mix-Off Judge's Winner  
Confetti Queens*



*People's Choice Award  
Paul Mitchell Creations*

**MINUTES FROM VIRIGINA JCI SENATE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2023 | VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

**President Welcome/Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM by Senate President Beth Fujishige #69219

**Invocation:** Delivered by Senator Chris Hienz #75470

**Pledge of Allegiance** by Scott Grantham #69218

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Cathy Ralston #79540. The approval of the Agenda was moved by Sheri Polychrones #78710, seconded by Tracy Bishop #73106 and all approved.

**Approval of Minutes from November:** Motion to approve by Cathy Ralston #79504. The approval of the Minutes was moved by Jennifer Rebbly #75071, seconded by Tom Cramer #61957 and all approved.

**Introduction of the following guests by Anne Johnson #49625.**

- North Carolina Senate President Melonie Pascahl #70372
- Maryland Senators Letha Grimes #63946, Sam Young #37972, Marilyn Young #45664
- US JCI Senate Foundation Representatives:
- Region III Rep Kay Faries #70346, Vendor Showcase Vanessa Kinsley #70985, Mentors Business Manager Jackie Julien #74251, Presidential Assistant Tom King #59642, Presidential Sweepstakes Chair Sabitha Venkatesh #71858, Finance Committee Chair Lawrence Pittman #53932, Constitution and Bylaws Committee Member Melissa Sleeth #69220, Committee Chair Alan Richardson #50550
- US JCI Senate Ambassador to the Association of Senators of the Americas and Caribbean (ASAC) Ariel Jones #65423
- Association of Senators of the Americas and Caribbean (ASAC) Treasurer John Robinson #55768
- 2017-2018 US JCI Senate President John Robinson #55768
- 2019-2020 US JCI Senate President Lawrence Pittman #53932 and his wife Karol, FR #55
- Region III National Vice President Judy Nuessle #62267 and her husband, Danny Nuessle FR #47
- US JCI Senate President Susan Hatcher #58143

**Remarks from Special Guests:** VA Jaycees State President Brian Morris updated on the rising costs pertaining to meetings. He noted the state was at growth for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Cities currently working on starting chapters; Suffolk, Blacksburg, Allegany and Richmond. Stated this year has a solid Board.

US JCI Senate National Vice President Region III Judy Nuessle #62267; one of our judges for tonight's martini mix off. Mentioned her theme, "Building Bridges", spoke on how technology was helping the Senators. Invited everyone to the MAI being held in Timonium, Maryland March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 and that they were pushing for less paper. Asked all who would be attending to bring their own cup. Recognized the following Senators from Virginia with one of her pens:

- Paul (#65156) & Sharon (#70987) Showalter as mentors
- John Mosesso #71551 for the great job on Community Engagement
- Sheri Polychrones #78710 representing all committees representing region 3
- Kathleen King #68704 for the great job coordinating the meeting

Presented gifts to President Beth Fujishige #69219 and National President Susan Hatcher #58143

US JCI Senate President Susan Hatcher #58143 Her second trip to Region 3, she thanked everyone for all that we do for the community, recognized those who were on her team in the room wearing pink shirts, she encouraged everyone to come to the National, Regional Meeting and explained that she has enjoyed her traveling. This year's National will be in St. Louis June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, they have scheduled a night to see the Cardinals play baseball on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, the Senators will have their own section. Must be registered to attend.

Asked to hear experiences from other Senators in the room: All participants received her pin

- Peggy McHugh #62466 spoke of getting up close to a Bison
- Hope Ellison #71378 recognized Brenda Yankey #49720 for the great job on the Fondue night
- Kaye Faries #70346 spoke of her first experience which happened prior to becoming a Jaycee, how everyone has become such good friends and thanked those who braved the cold wind (both ways) for the morning walk
- Alan Richardson #50550 spoke of the Senators being a 2<sup>nd</sup> family and those who have supported him throughout the years, being able to walk into a room and picking up where you left off from the last meeting in the terms of being friends with everyone.

National President Susan Hatcher #58143 thanked Tom Cramer #61957 for the hospitality and the scotch, presented Virginia President Beth Fujishige #69219 with gifts.

**OFFICER & DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Treasurer** Jim Hart #73105 73105 Thanks to those who have already paid though their dues are not due yet, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter we were at +7 for the year, have 90% on renewals. Found a new bank (Trust) with a 4% CD and has switched all money except \$5000.00 into that CD.

**Vice President** Sheri Polychrones #78710 No report to give, just thankful Jim Hart is treasurer.

**Bar:** Tom Cramer #61957 explained the Martini Mix-Off taking place tonight and the in format of giving each person 1 cup to use to sample all the martinis and have 2 rinse stations in the room to clean your cups. There is no charge due to ABC laws, however, donations welcomed.

**Hospitality:** Tracy Bishop #73106 reported that Saturday nights timeline will be tight as we have the Banquet (presenting OYV, New Senators), Toast to new Senators then the Martini Mix-Off.

**Socials and Outings-**Jack Ferry #76561 asked for one more round of applause for Brenda Yankey #49720 for the outstanding job on the Friday Fondue night - *Julia Child has nothing on her.* Reported he is looking for ideas and suggestions for socials and outings.



**Meetings** - Eboni Lee #79426 reported the next meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at the Comfort Suites in Glen Allen, VA. Rooms are \$120 a night and the deadline to register is April 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign up forms & flyers are available online.

**Community Engagement**-John Mosesso #71551 thanked Anne Johnson, Alan Richardson, Peggy McHugh and Tom King who looked into assisting Soar 365 with their policy manual, unfortunately, they discovered it was not feasible to assist them. Thanked Jeremiah Sleeth (son of Ron & Melissa Sleeth) for donating school supplies. Reported kits will be made after today's meeting for the Samaritan House, who assist abused women and children. Thanked everyone who brought items for the kits.

**Communications:** Marissa Garcia #78634 is currently in Japan. Asked that everyone please fill out the survey which they can find online.

- Website: Jacque Camlet #67098 asked everyone who requested items to be added to the website to please give details on where you would like the items to be placed. Reported she is approximately 80% there on securing a company to order shirts that can be ordered online.
- Newsletter: Hope Ellison #71378 reported Winter newsletter was out and hoped everyone had a chance to read and enjoy it. She stated articles for the Spring newsletter is due no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Online Speakers Coordinator—Amy Tenhouse #72693 looking for any ideas. She thanked everyone who has attended the programs. She stated the new programs currently on tap is: Better on Draft, presented by Michigan JCI Senate President, Wendy Taylor#71712 and "What's Life Like in Retirement".

**On-To-** Chief of Staff Jacque Camlet #67098 stated Melissa Sleeth #69220 was unable to attend the Adventures in New Orleans in January due to illness, and thanks for everyone's support during her illness. There were 22 Senators + 2 guests who attended the January's meeting in New Orleans. Everyone had a grand time; bars, restaurants, museums, live bands, etc. Thanks to Chris Heinz whose family-owned restaurant hosted them for a meal. Multiple awards were given out.

**Chairman of the Board/Legal Counsel** -Lillian Cheng #72962 deferred to New Business.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Senate Liaison**-Karen Gage #78980 states we have 8 new senators for tonight's banquet, National President Susan Hatcher, Virginia President Beth Fujishige, Region 3 National Vice President Judy Nuessle and Sheri Polychrones will be called forward for the presentation of the Senatorships. There will be a New Senators orientation Sunday morning with handbooks.

**Return the Favor** – Special Presentation Jennifer Rebbly # 75071 let everyone know she has enjoyed the last 2 years. She had one submission and that was for Mark with the Emporium Jaycees. National President Susan Hatcher, Virginia President Beth Fujishige, Region 3 National Vice President Judy Nuessle presented Mark with his award.

**First Timers**-Mike Polychrones #78709 reported we have 15 new timers registered with 6 showing up at Saturday morning's meeting. He asks that everyone be available to them, and the top award will be given out at tonight's banquet.

**Historian**-Alan Richardson #50550 gave us a history lesson on Virginia being the "Mother of Presidents".

**Good of the Senate**-Jackie Julien #74251 gave an explanation of the purpose of "Good of the Senate". They act as advisors to the current president of the Senate, they don't make decisions. Everything is done in complete confidence. You can read more in the bylaws.

**US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarships**-Jeff Bobich #72309- reported 49 applications were received. He stated he is working on a possible in-person presentation of the scholarships.

**OLD BUSINESS** - President Beth Fujishige #69219 stated no old business.

**VA ADVENTURE 5000**- Kay Faries #70346 reported to date we have walked 495 miles. The leaders are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place with 174 miles walked Eboni Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with 107.46 miles walked is Jim Hart and tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 67.25 miles walked is Hope Ellison & Chris Williamson. She reminded us that it's not too late to join.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

**2023-24 VA JCI Senate Officer Nominations**– Lillian Cheng #72962 7 positions to be elected, committee has been appointed by President Beth Fujishige. Currently, we have Sheri Polychrones for President and Tom Kramer for Treasurer.

**Presidential Sweepstakes**– Peggy McHugh #62466 looking for raffle stubs from anyone who has them to be mailed in. Not too late to send those you received by mail into National. Raised \$230. Sabitha Venkatesh #71858 thanked the Virginia Senators and reported Virginia was #1 in the Sweepstakes fundraising. She gave a breakdown of the budget and where the funds go. She also stated the committee is asking for donations of \$100 prizes such as gift cards. The 2022 MAI fundraiser raised \$5,000.00 and we hope to top that this year. They are asking for gift baskets, already wrapped, to be raffled off.

**Foundation Raffle**-Kay Faries #70346 stated the amount collected today for the 50/50 raffle was \$215.00 was collected in the 50/50 drawing, \$108.00 went to the winner Alan Richardson.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Beth Fujishige #69219 was pleased with the fantastic turn out. Good to have Missy Pulling and Melissa Sleeth back, both have been out with illnesses. Thanks to Shawn & Laura Murphy who opened their home for the holiday party. Encouraged everyone to nominate new Senators. Recognized Melanie from North Carolina how explained that Region IV will have their meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC. March 23-26, where there will be shag lessons and a golf tournament.

**Senator of the Quarter**- Brenda Yankey for all her hard work;

**Officer of the Quarter**-Hope Ellison for the newsletter and designing articles

Recognized Paul & Sharon Showalter for stepping up and helping a Jaycee family who had fallen on hard time

Adjourn of meeting was moved by Mike Polychrones #78709, seconded by Tom Cramer #61957. All in favor.

**Creed led by Senator of the Quarter, Brenda Yankey.**

**Adjourn at 2:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Ralston, Secretary #79504

# Let's Celebrate Together in May!!!

May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

**Joint Meeting of the Life Member Association and Virginia Senate  
Comfort Suites at Virginia Center Commons  
10601 Telegraph Road, Glen Allen, VA**

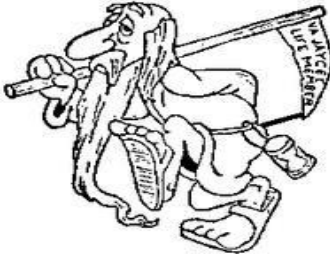
The Life Member Association will be hosting at this newly renovated hotel with an indoor pool and hot tub. All rooms are suites with either a king bed or 2 queen beds. A complimentary, hot buffet breakfast will be offered in the hotel dining room each morning.

Room rates are \$120.00 plus 14% tax (\$136.80) per night.

**Please book your room by April 13, 2023. Bookings after that date will not have access to the special group rate. Room reservation must be made directly with the hotel in order to get the group rate either using the link below or calling 804-262-2000. When calling provide the group name, Life Member Association and Group number, RT63X6.**

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/RT63X6>

**Room Cancellation Hotel Policy-Rooms must be cancelled by May 3<sup>rd</sup> or you will be charged the room rate.** Registration will be \$25 per person and includes Lunch on Saturday and the meeting room cost. There will be a Dutch Treat Dinner on Friday and Saturday nights. Visit the Life Member and Senate Hospitality Suites in the evening to catch up with old friends and make new ones! Come relax and enjoy the weekend!



**Registration: Joint Meeting of the Life Member Association and Senate  
May 5-7, 2023  
Comfort Suites at Virginia Center Commons  
10601 Telegraph Road, Glen Allen, VA  
Hotel Phone-804-262-2000**

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$25.00 included Check# \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to Virginia Jaycee Life Member Association  
(Check all that apply)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Paid by Zelle using this phone #804-314-1671

I will be attending Friday Night Dutch Treat Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending Saturday Night Dutch Treat Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

**Chris Williamson**

**3418 Longhorn Drive, Colonial Heights, VA 23834**

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**By April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Robert Cooke- [plugger@ntelos.net](mailto:plugger@ntelos.net) or 540-241-4646





## VA Jaycees New Senatorship

### Postmark Deadlines for Presentation at Senate meeting

**April 10th for May 2023**

*Presentations can be arranged locally.  
Paperwork must be submitted 30 days prior.*



### **WHAT IS A JCI SENATORSHIP?**

- It is the highest award presented to a Jaycee by Junior Chamber International (JCI).
- It is given to current and past members who have been a member of the Virginia Jaycees at any level.
- It is given to less than 1% of all members in the Jaycee organization.

### **WHAT DOES THE VIRGINIA JCI SENATE DO?**

- Assists the Virginia Jaycees, including sponsorship of First Timers & Return the Favor Programs.
- “Return the Favor” provides assistance to the state and local chapters.
- Supports the legacy of the Jaycees, by reaffirming through fellowship & activities that the Creed still matters.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

- Junior Chamber members for at least (5) five years
- Applications are subject to the approval of the Senate Review Committee

### **HOW DO I NOMINATE SOMEONE?**

Complete the applications on [www.vaicisenate.org](http://www.vaicisenate.org)

- Contact the VA JCI Senate Liaison: **Karen Gage** | [jckad37@gmail.com](mailto:jckad37@gmail.com) | **571-474-5264**
- Complete the VA JCI Senate application, the US JCI Senate application, and mail both along with checks to

**Karen Gage**  
**1741 Gosnell Road, Apt. 104**  
**Vienna VA 22182**

- Work with the VA JCI Senate Liaison or an Active Senator from your chapter/region to submit the best possible nomination.

### **WHAT IS THE COST?**

- \$300 check payable to Junior Chamber International
- \$75 check payable to the U.S. Jaycees
- \$50 check payable to the Virginia JCI Senate
- Optional—  
\$50 for a Senate Medallion payable to the Virginia JCI Senate

#### **Note:**

A nomination does not indicate automatic acceptance into the organization.  
For any nominations that are not approved, all monies will be refunded.



# VIRGINIA JCI SENATE GET YOUR PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE READY FOR 2022-2023

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## 2023

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March 30-April 2	Mid-Atlantic Institute, Timonium, MD the <a href="#">MAI 2023</a> Facebook page
May 5-May 8	Spring Meeting, Glen Allen, VA
June 26-June 30	<a href="#">US JCI YEAR END MEETING, St. Louis, MO</a>

National Events' registration forms:

[www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/resources-library/library-reports-forms?view=category&layout=columns&id=33](http://www.usjcisenate.org/index.php/resources-library/library-reports-forms?view=category&layout=columns&id=33)

**the JAYCEE CREED**

*We Believe:*

- That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
- That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
- That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;
- That government should be of laws rather than of men;
- That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
- And that service to humanity is the best work of life.



**SUSAN HATCHER #58143**  
**51ST US JCI SENATE PRESIDENT**  
**2022-2023**



**JUDY NUESLE #62267**  
**US JCI SENATE REGION III NVP**

*Today is our bridge to tomorrow,  
a span we walk for a lifetime.*





# IMPORTANT LINKS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE



PAY SENATE DUES:

[Pay Membership Dues | My Site \(vajcisenate.org\)](http://www.vajcisenate.org)



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EMAIL TOM CRAMER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING ADDED IN THE COCKTAIL OFFERING [BarVASenate@gmail.com](mailto:BarVASenate@gmail.com)

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-CONTRIBUTE PICTURES, ARTICLES, SUGGESTIONS  
(OR CORRECTIONS) -



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