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### Ohio JCI Senate 56th President Karen Schoonover #57305

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

What an exciting quarter, this has been!

First, we need to welcome two (2) new Senators to our great organization! Dennis R Coy #82554, received his Senatorship on Friday, December 8th, 2023,



at the Year End Awards Ceremony of the North Canton Jaycees. Then on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Danielle Call Rians #82499, was presented her Senatorship by the Hudson Jaycees. Both these recipients were Past Presidents of JCI Ohio. Dennis was the 85<sup>th</sup> President and Danielle was the 92<sup>nd</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup>.



Wreaths Across America took place on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Jane Hider #47491 was the chairman for this program and did an awesome job! Thank you. We had 9 Senators participate: Jane Hider #47491, Charlie Eberhardt #54887, Ruby Weymouth #67303, Paul Weymouth #69653, Sharon Miller #47329, Allison Geddes #74777, Amanda Turner #65613, Mitch Schoonover #59758 and myself. Thank you all for giving of your time for such a worthwhile ceremony.

Our Annual Year End Meeting, Elections, and Banquet will be held on May 3-5, 2024 at the Hampton Inn, 2931 Navarre Ave, Oregon, OH 43616, 419-734-3333. Room rate is \$149+tax per night for Queen/Double or King rooms. Cut off date for the room block is April 12, 2024. Use code Ohio JCI Senate, when making your reservation.

Don't forget that at our next meeting, those wishing to run for the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary need to declare their intentions to do so. Contact either Amanda Turner 937-689-8069, Jenny Bruner 419-927-4405 or Stu O'Hara 419-668-5751 to let them know of your intention to run.

We are also taking applications for the Senate Sponsored Senatorship. Nominee's must be at least 40 years old, have belonged to a chapter in Ohio that no longer exists and has displayed a pattern of Jaycee activities deserving of a Senatorship. The application can be downloaded from our website and mailed to Amanda Turner #65613, 1851 Stansberry Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45432 or

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email it to <u>aturner321@aol.com</u>. I know there are exhausted Jaycees out there in Ohio, that are deserving of this award. Please make the committee's (Amanda Turner #65613, Jenny Bruner #64688 or Joe Callison #71481) job hard and submit, submit.

- Scholarship Judging will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 am, at the Delphos VFW, 213 W 4<sup>th</sup> St, Delphos, OH 45833. Please try to attend as the more that judge, the sooner we will get done.
- Raffle tickets are still available for our 50/25-15-10 fundraiser. They are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Please help us balance our budget by purchasing a ticket.

It's off to Winter Boards in January, Region VII meeting in February, and Region V meeting in March. For those of you who don't know, Saturday, February 17th is "National Random Acts of Kindness Day". I have been encouraging the Senate to do something kind to fellow members, in keeping with my theme "Acts of Random Kindness". This day is the perfect time to do something. Send a fellow Senator a card of encouragement; thinking of you; or miss you. Give an old Senate friend a call, to check up on them. Send some flowers or balloons to give a fellow Senator a lift. Just do something kind to make them smile.

I hope to see you in February at our meeting in Medina.

Karen K Schoonover #57305 56th President, OH JCI Senate

### Vice President Allison Geddes #74777

Hello fellow Senators,

Its's hard to believe we are in Jan already, as I write this I am gearing up for Winter BOD meeting in Greenville SC. It was nice to see many off you in Springboro in November, Dec I attended the North Canton Year end gathering where we welcomed New Senator Dennis Coy #82554. That same weekend Ohio gained another new Senator Current JCI Ohio State President Danielle Rians #82499. Decemember16th myself and several other Senators participated in Wreaths Across America.

Our next meeting will be in Medina, Ohio Feb 9th-11th at the Holiday Inn and Suites 5185 Gateway Dr ph# (330)722-6006 Room Rate is \$1255 + tax for 2 queens. I hope to see many of you there, I am scouting out restaurants for our dinner on Sat and should have information up on the Facebook page soon to try and get a headcount. Up next in the Region is the Michigan Post Holiday party Feb 3rd. If you would like to attend there is still time check out our website for more information. Hope to see you all in February!

Allison Geddes #74777 Vice President 2023-2024 JCI74777@aol.com VOLUME 56 ISSUE 3 PAGE 3

# Treasurer Tammy Snapp #79574

#### Hello ALL SENATORS!

I have sent out dues billings for all March Membership. You should be receiving your invoices shortly if not already received. February JCI All-State will be here before we know it! If you are due in March, and want to pay your dues then, I will be happy to take your dues then!

Have you moved?

Has your email address changed?

Please send your changes to my email: tallen43074@yahoo.com or you can go to the US JCI Senate website, usjcisenate.org and select address change and fill out the form. This will update your information on everything. It will also be sent to me. Then I can forward it to Joe Callison, to update our state directory.

We are always looking for new members.

Are there any senators that you know are not a member of our organization?

Are there any chapters out there that are planning to give out senatorships?

Remember a life membership is currently \$250. If you are not currently a life member, please think about it. I am looking forward to an amazing year and all the new "Family" I will get to see!

Tammy Snapp #79574 Treasurer 2023-2024 OHIO JCI Senate

# Shelly Knight-Bourn #81030

Hello Fellow Senators,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We had a great time attending the North Canton Jaycees Ugly Sweater Party and installation banquet on December 8, with fellow senators, JCI Senate Ohio President Karen #57305, VP Allisson #74777 and Annie Yoder #80814. We even had the pleasure of watching Chapter President Senator Eric #80183 present past JCI Ohio President Dennis Coy his Senatorship (#82554). It was fantastic to continue to see fellow Senators Eric and Collin #80182 step up and be sworn in again as Chapter President, and Individual Development VP, respectively, again. I had the honor of receiving my North Canton Life Membership from my friend and mentor President Eric, during the evening too. I also won the Ugly Christmas Sweater/Outfit contest with my Grinch themed outfit. On a personal note, I am happy to announce that I officially received my CPA license.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at February's all-state.

Thank you,
Shelley Knight-Bourn #81030
Secretary 2023 - 2024
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### Presidential Fundraiser 23-24

- Monies must be turned in before <u>April 30, 2024</u> in order to be in the drawing. The drawings will be held at the 2023-2024 Year end awards banquet (May 3-5, 2024).
- Tickets will be filled out for you once I receive your form and payment.
- I do have Venmo. You can contact me if you wish to donate this way. We can also accept via mail or in hand, cash or a check /money order made out to "Ohio JCI Senate". The first name drawn out will win 25%, the second name will win 15%, and the third name will win 10%.
- If you wish to make an additional contribution to the Senate outside of the raffle, there will be a place to do so on the entry form below and we encourage you to do so.
- Entries are \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20.

Thank you in advance for your support

Ron Kimmet #43520 JCI Ohio Fundraiser Chairman 11982 Bockey Road Delphos, Ohio 45833 419-235-4639 rkimmet@embarqmail.com

# Sweepstakes

From Ron Kimmet #43520, 2023-2024 Assistant Sweepstakes Ticket Chairperson

Hello Ohio Senators!

First, let me thank all of you that have sent in your tickets and donations to date. I am proud to announce that Oho continues to be one of the top states that supports financial effort. Keep up the great work and thank you again for your donations. If have not donated please do so, if you should happen to find your tickets lying around the house or are attending a national or state Senate event in the near future

It is my job part of my job as Assistant Chairperson to look for prize donations to go along with the grand prize of \$2000. We are looking for prizes of any value. We will take cash, gift cards, and anything that is prize worthy. Since our prizes we give away are valued at \$100, any donations less than \$100 will be put together with other donations to create a prize worth \$100. Please help us reach our goal of 100 additional prizes.

If you want to make a prize commitment, you can contact me by phone or email below. Thank you again.

Ron Kimmet #43520 11982 Bockey Road Delphos, Ohio 45833 419-235-4639 <u>rkimmet@embarqmail.com</u> 2023-2024 Asst. Sweepstakes Chairperson Keep the Faith

### Hospitality Chair

Hello Everyone,

I hope your Christmas was great and your New Year is starting off great as well. At the February meeting we are doing the dime toss (it's what our Region V booth was in St. Louis) to raise money for Hal's "Wheelchairs for Kids" project. So, bring your old beer steins, wine glasses, shot glasses etc. to stock the ladder. Bring some dimes as well. The proceeds will be given to the project.

Secondly the theme for February is "Speakeasy". Dress in your best "speakeasy" attire for Friday night. I will have foods that were popular during that time period as well. Lunch will be soup and finger sandwiches. Snacks will also be geared toward the era. Of course there will also be plenty of hooch.

Lastly, shortly before our February meeting I will be loading a sign up sheet to our Facebook page that will be for things needed for Spring Fling. Therefore, if you won't be at the All State, please sign up on there. I will be passing the list around at the meeting as well.

See you in February if not before!

Jenny Bruner #64688 Ohio JCI Senate Hospitality Chair

### COB Amanda Turner #

Hello Fellow Senators!

It is that time of year to start thinking of nominations for the Senate Sponsored Senatorship! There are many deserving people around the state that for one reason or another did not get the recognition they deserved from their no longer existing chapter and the committee would love to have your suggestions. As per Article XII-Section 3 of the Ohio JCI Senate By-Laws, the requirements for eligibility are as follows:

- The nominee must be at least forty (40) years
- The nominee must have been a member of an Ohio Jaycees/JCI Ohio local
- The nominee must have been from a chapter of the Ohio Jaycees/JCI Ohio that is either no longer in existence or which is currently inactive in JCI Ohio activities.
- The nominee must have displayed a pattern of Jaycee activity otherwise deserving of Senatorship recognition.
- *Must be nominated by a member of the Ohio ICI*

The rules and nomination form can also be found on the Ohio JCI senate website. As chairperson of the Senate Sponsored Senatorship, please send me your submissions by no later than February 3. Also, elections are coming soon and it's not too soon to start thinking about what office you want to submit your name for in the 2024- 2025 administrative year. Announcements must be done at the February Allstate (Feb. 9th and 10th) with elections held at the Year End meeting. If you are considering running for an office, as chairperson of the nominations and elections committee, please let me know prior to the February Allstate. Application Link Can't wait to see you all in Greenville or at the February Allstate (or both)!

### Wreaths Across America



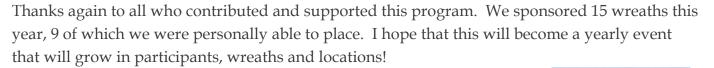
# Wreaths Across America 2023 🥨



Thank you to the Ohio JCI Senate members attending the Wreaths Across America ceremonies, December 16, 2023, at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery! Our Senate members came together from all over the state of Ohio to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony.

> Thanks go out to current Ohio JCI President, Karen Schoonover #57305, and Senators Mitch Schoonover #59758, Ruby Weymouth # 67303, Paul Weymouth #69653, Charlie Eberhardt #54887, Amanda Turner #65613, and Allison Geddes #74777 for taking time to travel to Seville, Ohio on a cold, but beautiful Saturday morning. We were so honored to have Senator Sharon Miller #47329 and members of her family participate in placing a wreath for the 27th President of the

Ohio JCI Senate, Ken Miller #44351. We were also able to specifically place a wreath for former Jaycee, Jack Karsten.





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### **Upcoming Events**

Jan 11th-14th	US JCI Senate Winter BOD	Greenville, SC
Jan 26th-28th	IN/KY JCI senate meeting	Louisville, KY
Feb 3rd	Michigan Post Holiday Party	Livonia, MI
Feb 9th-11th	Ohio JCI Senate Feb Meeting	Medina, OH
Feb 22nd-25th	Region VII Mini National	Pigeon Forge TN
Mar 15th-17th	Region V Spring Fling	Columbus OH
May 4th– 6th	Ohio JCI Senate Year end	Oregon, OH
June 18th-22nd	USJCI year end meeting	Tampa, FL

### 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

C. William Brownfield



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