



Spring 2025 Edition

Presidents Report

The PA JCI Senate Let the Adventure Begin year is in its final laps. We've adventured to many events and meetings this year, gained new friends, shared joys and sorrows and celebrated a Super win by the Philadelphia Eagles! We also welcomed new Senator Kim Leese #83702 from Hanover. We will finish our year with our Spring Meeting May 2-4 in Reading PA. Along with our usual business meeting we will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary and installing our 2025-26 officers. Region II NVP Krista Myers will be joining us for the weekend. We also have some bylaw changes that were submitted by the Finance Committee. The proposed changes were included in the March IMAGE e-blast. Please review this as a vote will be taken at the May meeting. Summer events include a Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball game on July 26, meeting in August, PA JCI chapter events, US JCI Senate National Convention, and visiting other States and Regions. Keep up with us on Facebook- PAJCI Senate and PA JCI Senate Private Group and our website at pajcisenate.org. The 2025-26 Leadership Team was elected at our February meeting and will be installed at our May meeting. They will begin their year on July 1. Congratulations to President elect Jeff Kozak #63411, Vice- President Matt Boyer #76878, Treasurer Beth Newill #60235 and Secretary Beth Muir #65479. Thank you for joining us on our adventures! Sally Traczuk #68943



Vice President Report

Hello all! Springtime is upon us, and our next quarterly meeting soon will be too. It is coming up May 2-4, 2025 at the Best Western Plus Reading Inn & Suites, 2299 Lancaster Pike, Shillington PA 19607. The tel # is 610-777-7888, or you can use a direct link: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.39120.html?groupid=Z78YX2T1. The rate is \$109, use PAJCI Senate when reserving your room. Hospitality for the weekend is \$25. The theme is "The Final Lap". As time continues to speed by quick, so does a race car driver. Bring something to hospitality on Friday that you would expect to have at a NASCAR race, such as chicken tenders, hot dogs, pit beef, fries, burgers. Saturday begins with the Jaycee Charitable Foundation Meeting at 9 am, followed by the JCI Senate Business Meeting at 10 am. Breakfast is included with the hotel. The 60th Anniversary Luncheon & Year End Celebration will be at 1 pm. Red Hats will be meeting after lunch. There is a Reading Fightin's baseball game or Kentucky Derby on Saturday evening. Fundraisers for Wreaths Across America & Wheelchairs for Kids will be in the hospitality room. Dinner is on your own. For those unaware, I will be the vice-president again next year. It has been great to be the VP for President Sally, and I look forward to doing it for President-Elect Jeff. If anyone has any new thoughts or suggestions, please let us know! I look forward to seeing you all soon! Matt Boyer #76878 Vice-President

PAJCI Senate Chairwoman of the Board article- Katy Lemmer

Hello Senators,

Congrats to our newly elected Executive team during the February Board Meeting. These amazing friends will be officially sworn in during the May Board Meeting and will takeover on July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026:

President- Jeff Kozak, Vice President- Matt Boyer, Treasurer – Beth Newill, Secretary – Beth Muir and our president Sally Traczuk will step into the Chairman of the Board role. Amazing year for Sally & her team this year and excited to see what Jeff and his team will bring next year.

Thanks, Katy Lemmer #73037

PRESIDENT ELECT

Jeff Kozak Hello fellow senators, I would like to take a moment and thank you all for having the confidence in me to lead our organization. Lol, I am hoping to have a much more normal term this time. First time as President was a great learning experience for me and that knowledge will surely be helpful. We have a lot of experience coming into the new year. Many are continuing on from this year and I am looking forward to working with all of you!! As we start to plan things the coming year I am always interested in your ideas as well. Looking forward to seeing everyone at President Sally's year end celebration in Reading.

Jeff Kozak, Senate #63411

Special Projects Report

Happy Spring PA Senate,

At the February Board Meeting I did a little fundraiser for Wreaths Across America and Wheelchair 4 Kids. Thank you everyone that made a donation in the jar. We raised \$150.00 on Saturday morning. \$75.00 will go to WAA and \$75.00 to Wheelchairs 4 Kids. My goal was to raise \$300.00 for each charity. I am happy to say I made my goal for Wheelchair 4 Kids. I am almost there for WAA. At the May Board Meeting on Saturday night we will have a drink competition benefiting Wreaths Across America and Wheelchair 4 Kids. Teams can be up to 2 people. You will need to make enough for 30 to 45 people. 1oz to 2oz can be served. A short presentation on the drink that you will be serving. A group of 3 judges will be judging the drinks the top 2 will be receiving a prize. There will also be a people choice award. The team that receives the most donations will receive a prize. Donations will be split between Wreaths Across America and Wheelchair 4 Kids. Cups will be provided. Deadline for teams is April 19th. I need to know the names on the team and what drink you will be making. Set up will begin at 7:30 PM so we can watch the derby. Start is at 8:00 PM ending at 9:00 PM. Winners will be announced that evening. Let's make this last one a great one. I enjoyed coming up with fundraisers to raise money for these two organizations. I am very proud of the PA Senate.

PA Senate Special Project Chair, Nicole Dapp, #74656

NEW SENATOR

Congratulations to Kim Leese, Senator #83702! Kim was an active member of the Hanover Jaycees after joining in 2004. She has been the chapter president multiple times, held several other offices, and ran many projects, including the Halloween Parade. She was continually active throughout her Jaycee career, would do anything she was asked, and helped in any way she could. Her dedication and service was invaluable. After aging out in 2018 she continues to support her chapter when and however she can. She will be an asset to the senate, because of her love of the Jaycees and belief in the creed.

Thanks to all the 'roosters' who continue to help the Jaycees with their many projects.



Scholarship Report

The Scholarship Program went well for this year. The information was set throughout the state and we received 40 submissions, 38 College/University and 2 Tech/Vocational. Thank you to everyone who offered to judge even if we didn't utilize your services this year. I am sure we will need your services in the future. Thank you to Cheryl France, Julie Livingston and Lorraine Newill that assisted in judging this year. Our 2 - \$500 scholarships will be going to the following students and will be forwarded on to possibly win grants of \$1500 from the US JCI Senate Foundation: Julia Thomas from Conemaugh Township High School, Kalina Powell from Brockway Junior/Senior High School. We will also be forwarding a vocational application for a possible \$1000 grant from the US JCI Senate Foundation: John M. Mogish from North Schuylkill High School. The Red Hat Ladies decided to give John Mogish a \$500 scholarship. Thank you to the Red Hat Ladies and Friends for all their donations throughout the year to help sponsor the Goucker Scholarship. Students in our state are so lucky to have people like you to support them. These students have not yet been notified so please don't ruin the surprise if you know them. If you live near Conemaugh Township High School or Brockway Junior/Senior High School and want to deliver/present them - let me know ASAP.

S. Beth Newill #60235

PA JCI Scholarship Chair 24-25 atcbeth@gmail.com 717-808-2645

Lifetime Membership Report

I would like to thank all the Lifetime Members who have sent in their donations to scholarship, lost senator, foundation, IMAGE, and/or annual operations for the 2024-25 year. Your support of these programs is invaluable. If you're not a Lifetime Member, have you ever considered it? If you have or are not sure what it entails...let me know and I will get you the information you need. Also, the Lifetime membership information and a donation form can be found on the PAJCI Senate website at www.pajcisenate.org

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

In JCI Senate Faith,

Beth Muir #65479 Lifetime Membership Chair

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DUES ADMINISTRATION Report

We only have 9 members left to renew for June. Dues reminder notices went out. Remember dues are \$37.00 per year. Thank you to those who have already paid their 2024-25 dues and our Lifetime members that are paid for life. If anyone has any questions about dues, when you're due, or need another dues billing form; please contact me at 570-691-8067 or by email at kmuir.rd3@gmail.com I do have a personal VENMO account if you would like to send me your dues electronically. My VENMO is @Krista-Muir-2 Once the payment is received, I will send you a receipt via email or postal mail whichever you prefer.

In JCI Senate Spirit, Krista Muir #73181 2024-25 Dues Administrator



Newsletter Editor/Website Report

HAPPY SPRING! Camping Season is here.

I don't know about you, but we are excited that spring is finally here. We want to thank Sally for trusting us with the Newsletter and Website this year. We are so blessed to have so many JCI Senate friends & family.

Jeff has asked us to continue doing the Newsletter and Website during his presidential year and we are excited to continue to serve our JCI Senate family. Please don't hesitate to email any photos you take at Jaycee/JCI Senate events so we can add them to the website and Newsletter.

Missy Umberger #79560, Newsletter Editor, missyu@comcast.net

Greg Umberger #79559, Website Editor

Chaplan Report

Hi! We, Jean and Rob Mawson have been busy as your Co-Chaplains this year. As you see from the list, we have been busy with cards! We want to hear all the news from you good and bad! Thanks to each of you who have been out to all of the funerals and doing visitations to our members. It is great to support each other in sad, difficult and in joyful times. (Yes, we looked for your blue ribbons, Dawn, at the Farm Show!) If you know anyone who needs a card, phone call or message of sympathy, love, encouragement or congratulations, please let us know. Because of our work schedules, it is best to contact Jean via text or phone at 570-617-1062 or email at jeanloose69@gmail.com. We hope to stay in touch with our membership and lift everyone's spirits! See you at the socials and the meetings. Let us know if you need anything! Here is the list of Senators that we sent cards of support since the last newsletter. If you would like their contact info please let us know.

Sympathies: To the Family of Tim McAlister #46101 (DOD 9/25/24), To the Family of Andrew Amway #12874 (DOD 12/10/24) He was the 10th President of PA Senate, To Brad Cox #62525 & Connie Cox #75090 on the death of Connie's mother, To Lois Martin #68841 on the death of her Husband Kenneth Martin #36535 (DOD 1/12/25), To Jennifer Radzwillowicz #75074 on the death of her mother, To Erica Fetsko #80531 on the death of her brother, To Yvonne Lettich #62220 on the death of her father, To the Family of Richard Strause #38295 (DOD 2/8/25) Family included a card sent to his brother Ryan Strause #32946, To Terry Kolaz #68698 on death of her mother, To the Family of John Brommer #15950 (DOD 2/13/25), To Doug Brown #63624 on the death of his father, To James Miller on the death of Jackie Miller #56981 (DOD 3/22/25)

Get well Wishes: (Thinking of You/Get Well) to Mike Primeau #53290 on cancer diagnosis and treatments, (Thinking of You) to Terry Kolaz #68698 (see above, mom was ill), (Thinking of you/Get well) Don Kaercher #36531 getting over Covid, Get Well to Deb Faultersack #52610 had Covid and Sepsis, Get Well to Deb Baber #75950 on her surgery.

Good News: Congratulations: to Dawn Bodenberg #75090 on her Farm Show Awards, Happy 60th Birthday to Shellie Jamieson #82307

Co-Chaplains

Jean Mawson #66086

Rob Mawson FR #118

CHAPLAN ELECT

I was PA JCI Senate's Chaplain for the 2018-2019 year and then again for the 2020-2021 year. In 2020-2021, I joked about being "Diane2.0". For this 2025-2026 term, I guess that makes me "Diane III". LOL!! On a more serious note, I look forward to serving you, my fellow PA JCI Senators, once more in this role. I have already added our group to my prayers and am anticipating hearing from you as individuals about any and all joys and concerns you and your families will be experiencing this coming year. Everyone's life is filled with ups and downs; it's just a part of living in this fallen world. At all times, we can lean on God's Word and God's promises; a favorite scripture of mine is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We can also rely on each other, as we are encouraged in James 5:16 to "pray for one another". In this way, joys are enhanced and burdens are shared (with the goal of them feeling lessened). So please feel free to either email me at dduell204@gmail.com or call/text me at 717-872-4834 (between the hours of 10am & 10pm ET), unless it's an emergency: in that case, I am "open 24/7".

However, please do NOT post something on Facebook and expect me to see it; I rarely go on Facebook...

Besides hearing your joys & concerns, I would also love to hear from you about what are YOUR favorite scriptures!! Together, let's live out the first line of the JCI Creed: "We believe that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life".

Have a blessed day,

Diane Duell, #74147 2025-2026 PA JCI Senate Chaplain



AUGUST BOARD MEETING

August meeting / baseball game. July 25th, 26th, 27th Jeff Kozak 215 285 5892. The August meeting will actually be a week earlier this year. We have a great weekend planned. Our Friday night social will be at the Kozak house in Quakertown. We will host a game night. It will be taco night, since our fresh veggies should be coming in. My Man cave consists of pool table, air hockey, foosball, and ping pong. We have endless games as well. If you have a favorite game feel free to bring it along. Saturday we will have our quarterly meeting at 11am followed by a picnic lunch. Please bring a side dish. We will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Lots of time to socialize and then later for anyone that wants to continue with the fun, we will be going to the Iron Pigs Baseball Game in Allentown. The \$30 ticket price for the game includes 2 1/2 hour food buffet starting an hour before first pitch. We had a lot of fun last year so I hope to see you all at the game! Following the game will be Fireworks!!! This year there is a link to buy your tickets. We have a section reserved for us. The link is <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Pennsylvaniajci2>. We have made arrangements to lodging at the Quality Inn & Suites in Quakertown. This facility is only 1.4 miles from our house. The cost for the rooms are \$109 + tax per night. King or 2 doubles is available. Room block code: PA JCI Senate. We have a block of 10 rooms reserved and can always add more if needed. The time is now to plan to be there!!!
Jeff Kozak, Senate #63411

Region I-V Presidential Sweepstakes Report

Hello Pennsylvania JCI Senate!!

This is just a brief reminder from your Sweepstakes Prize representative. I will be attending your end of year May meeting in Reading the weekend of May 2nd-4th and hope to collect donations to the National end of year raffle. This year, National will be held in North Brook, Illinois the week of June 15-19. The Presidential Sweepstakes raffle will be on Monday, June 16 after the Regions Booth party.

As you remember, Bob McDonald held this position last year. He and Phyllis Bowers did a fantastic job for the committee and this national fundraiser. In that vein, I would like to see Pennsylvania JCI Senate members donate any of these: gift cards, cash, baskets, homemade items, totes, etc. for this fun raffle. Gift cards and cash would be the easiest way to bring something to Reading, however, baskets and/or homemade items are welcomed. If you decide to bring a gift card - it can be in any amount - there is no minimum or maximum required.

I'll see some of you in Norfolk, Virginia for MAI in April, so if you prefer to bring something there, that would be fine too.

Ann Harrison #75822 Region I-V Presidential Sweepstakes Prize Rep, ann.harrison58@comcast.net

LOST SENATOR

Hello everyone, so glad Spring is here, just wish the temperatures would cooperate!! Its sure has been crazy with temperatures of 40 degrees with snow flurries, rain, and 80 degrees and sun shining the next! We will take whatever Mother Nature gives us; there are more important things to think about! As we head into the final quarter of the 2024-2025 year, I am sad to say we won't have an 18th recipient in May. We had 2 submissions, however the first person submitted had passed away before we could honor him, the second submission didn't meet JCI Senate guidelines for years of tenure. I know we all know someone deserving of this award, so do your Best to get submissions in We need Name, years of dedication to the organization and projects chaired and positions they held. As we finish President Sally's last quarter, make Pa JCI proud, and we welcome President Jeff and his board good luck! If you have any questions please feel free to message me or call or send information by mail. Sheryl Zagar #77791 sfzagar@verizon.net (570) 628-3909 520 South Centre Street Pottsville, Pa. 17901 See you at May Board meeting! Sheryl Zagar #77791



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