



## Winter 2025 Edition

### Presidents Report

Let the Adventure Begin!

Wow! We are having some great adventures so far this Senate year! Thank you to everyone who has joined us for meetings, my birthday celebration, Holiday parties and assisting PA JCI Chapters with so many of their projects. We are S.O.A.R.ing with our Pitt paddles and posting photos of us wearing RED on Fridays to Remember Everyone Deployed. We laid wreaths for Wreaths Across America and donated to Wheelchairs for Kids.

In early January, many of us headed to Kenner, LA (New Orleans) for the US JCI Senate Winter Meeting. There we announced the candidacy of PA's own Gary Duell #48384 for the Office of Administrative Vice President of the US JCI Senate for 2025-26. Plan to join us in Chicagoland in June when elections and installation will be a part of the US JCI Senate National Convention.

Speaking of elections- the PA JCI Senate elections will be held at our meeting on Saturday February 8 in York, PA. We have a full slate of announced candidates. Please see COB Katy's article for more information on elections and VP Matt's article for information on the weekend.

Are you receiving email updates from Katy? If not, please send us your email address to add to the list. We typically send out one or two per month. If you would like to receive the US JCI Senate E-news on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, please sign up on the US JCI Senate website.

Speaking of websites, have you been to the revamped PA website [www.pajcisenate.org](http://www.pajcisenate.org)? Greg and Missy Umberger and Bob McDonald have been updating the site. Meeting minutes and other information may now be found there. Hope to see you on one of our adventures soon!

Sally Traczuk #68943



### Vice President Report

Happy 2025! I hope the holidays were great for everyone. Last year went by too quick. I look forward to spring soon, or at least a winter without much snow! (Hasn't been much in York yet) Before we get to that time of year, our next board meeting is coming up February 7-9 at the Hampton Inn York, 1550 Mt. Zion Rd, York, PA, 17402. The rate is \$123, use group PAJCI Senate when reserving a room. Hospitality will be \$25 for the weekend. The theme is 'Game Day'. Bring something for Friday night hospitality you would take to a game day or tailgate event. Saturday will begin with a Foundation meeting at 9 am, followed by the General Meeting at 10 am. We will be having pizza for lunch. The afternoon is open, Hollywood Casino York is close by for anyone interested in that. Saturday night is the Hanover Shrimp Feed. Several people have already requested a ticket. The price is \$35. If you are hoping to go and haven't let us know, please do so as soon as possible so we can include you in the tickets before they sell out.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon in February. Then on to spring!

Matt Boyer #76878

Vice-President

### PAJCI Senate Chairwoman of the Board article- Katy Lemmer

Hello Senators,

The REAL election is coming up fast...PAJCI Senate Executive Board for 2025-2026 year will be held at our Winter Board Meeting in February! Still considering running for President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary? You have until 8:59AM on Saturday February 8, 2025 to let me know and have someone officially nominate you during the Winter Board Meeting.

At the November Board Meeting the following members announced their interest but others will still be accepted till 8:59am on 2/8/25.

President (2): Jeff Kozak and Diane Duell

Vice President: Matt Boyer

Secretary: Beth Muir

Treasurer: Beth Newill

As President is presumed to be a contested position; and any other above position MAY become a contested if announced by 8:59AM to Katy Lemmer; we will follow the by-laws below during the Winter Board Meeting Section on 2/8/25. ALL Candidates are encouraged to submit their platforms via article(s) in upcoming IMAGE and IMAGE eBlasts by sending to Newsletter Editor Missy Umberger at [Missyu@comcast.net](mailto:Missyu@comcast.net) All Candidates will also be allotted Five (5) Minutes prior to actual election vote during the Winter Board Meeting to present on their plans for their desired position.

#### ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

Section 1 – The Chairman of the Board shall preside over the Nominations and Elections. Any PA JCI Senator in good standing and who has fully paid his/her dues that desires to hold an elected office, must inform the Chairman of the Board

by email, no later than the beginning of the Winter Board Meeting.

Section 2 – Candidates for election are announced during the Fall Board meeting.

Section 3 – Nominations for an office will be accepted from the floor during the Winter Board meeting.

a) Any PA JCI Senator in good standing and who has fully paid his/her dues may nominate himself/herself.

b) Any PA JCI Senator in good standing and who has fully paid his/her dues may nominate another PA JCI Senator in good standing and who has fully paid his/her dues provided that other Senator has first granted his/her permission to be nominated.

Section 4 – The annual election of officers will be held under New Business at the annual Winter Board meeting.

#### Section 5 – Election Procedures

a) The election of all elected officers is by voice vote cast by members in good standing and who have fully paid their dues, unless there is more than one

(1) candidate for an office.

b) For each office for which there are multiple candidates, the election will be held by separate secret ballot.

c) For each office for which a secret ballot is needed, the current Secretary will distribute blank papers to members in good standing and who have fully paid their dues; these members will legibly write the name of their preferred candidate for that office on the paper. The Secretary will then collect and count the ballots and the current President will announce the winner of the election for that office.

Section 6 – The immediate Past President, if available to serve, will fill the office of Chairman of the Board.



NOTE - In-attendance and via ZOOM PA JCI Senators in good standing may vote during the Winter Board Meeting. Any Zoom attendee may cast their secret ballot for any contested positions, by texting the Secretary with their vote DURING ELECTION TIME ONLY. Text # will be provided during the Winter Board Meeting. Looking forward to a great election and future board to begin in July 2025. Please contact me or President Sally with any questions or if interested!

Thanks,

Katy Lemmer #73037



### PA JCI Senate President Report

Hello Region II Senators!

It is again time for our Region II Senate Travel Fund Sweepstakes mailing! With the passing of our senate friend, NYJCI Senator Darryl Jones; who has chaired this program for 15+ years, I wanted to introduce the Senate Travel Fund committee that will try to fill Darryl's shoes & make him proud.

The committee is Katy Lemmer # 73037 and Sally Traczuk # 68943 from PAJCI Senate, Bob Cairns #59815 from NYJCI.

What is the Region II Travel Fund? - This sweepstakes was created to help our Region II NVP assist with a little financial help with their travels visiting all our states, meetings, and events during their NVP year.

What do I need to do? - Each Region II senator will be receiving Five (5) Sweepstakes tickets in the mail in next week or so. Please ask your family & friends to make a \$5 donation per ticket, enter in their information on the ticket stub (for a chance to win money!), and each region II senator to return those ticket stubs with cash/check (made payable to "Region II Senate Travel Fund") to Katy Lemmer - postmarked by December 31, 2024.

What can we win? - Each ticket stub returned, by December 31, 2024 postmark, will have the last 3 digits on their ticket stub compared to the New York evening 3-digit lottery number (2024-2025 NVP Krista Myers is from NY) in January 2025. If the last 3-digits match the NY Lottery Daily evening pick 3 lottery number drawn on a Monday thru Saturday the winners will receive \$25, Sunday match = \$50, and New Years Day match (January 1, 2025) = \$100! All winners will have checks mailed to address on ticket stub in February.

What has changed? - In years past you would have returned your stubs & monies to your State President, who in turn, would mail them to Darryl Jones to coordinate. To save time & money the committee and the 4 State Presidents have agreed to have each Region II Senator mail their stubs & monies back to the committee chair to collect & coordinate & pay the winners.

This information is also included in the letter that will be arriving at your home with your tickets and a Return ENVELOPE with the committee chair address on it in the next week or so. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your State President or contact me at the information below.

Thank You,

Katy Lemmer # 73037 Region II Senate Travel Fund Chair

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### Special Projects Report

Happy New Year PA Senate,

Thank you so much for all of the Senators that participated in Wreaths Across America. On December 14th a group of us went to Sewickley Cemetery outside of Pittsburgh. PA Senate donated 9 wreaths. 7 went to Sewickley and 2 went to Arlington in Virginia. I am going to keep on fundraising for WAA so we can get a head start for next December.

Wheelchairs 4 Kids is dedicated to improving the lives of children with physical disabilities. They provided wheelchairs, home, and vehicle modifications as well as other assistive equipment at no charge to the families. They also do activities and outings with the kids. So far we have raised \$225.00.

For the February Board meeting please bring your extra change. We will be filling a jar with the change. The funds raised will be split between WAA and Wheelchair 4 Kids.

Nicole Dapp #74656

Special Projects Chair

### ICE CREAM STAND Report

A HUGE THANKS to everyone that helped at the Apple Harvest Ice Cream stand this year. We had 30 PA JCI Senators, Jaycees and friends including the US National Treasurer plus 4 Delaware Senators including President Paul, 4 Maryland Senators including President Melissa and 7 New York Senators including Region II NVP Krista help out. The weather for both weekends was perfect. It was in the 70s and 80s and sunny. After all expenses were paid, we had a Profit of \$3492. This allowed us to give the PA JCI Senate Scholarship Fund \$750 and the Lost Senator program \$100. I would also like to thank the committee that ran the project: Inventory Chairs – Beth and Krista Muir, Ice Cream Chair – Dianne Duell, Manpower Chair – Connie Cox and Tent Set Up and Tear down – Brad Cox. Without them the weekends would have been very hard to coordinate. A special thank you to the crew that came to help put the tents up on Friday before the Festival started. This helped in a big way. Next year's Dates will be October 4 & 5 and October 11 & 12, so mark your calendars and come out to scoop some ice cream, it really is a lot of fun.

Once again, thank you for another Apple Harvest Ice Cream stand.

Bob McDonald #58286

2024 Apple Harvest Committee Chair

### LOST SENATOR

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday! It certainly comes up fast! AS we approach the end of 2024 I did receive a nomination for the 18th recipient of the Lost Senator Program, We are in the process of finalizing the application, and hopefully we can have the presentation in May at year end. If you know of anyone else deserving of the award please reach out to me, we could possibly have more than 1 in the 2024-2025 year. I hope to see everyone at February Boards or MAI. Thank you for allowing me to serve as chairperson for this program, I truly enjoy it.

Sheryl Zagar #7779

### 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](http://www.pajcisenate.org) Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

In JCI Senate Faith, Beth Muir #65479 Lifetime Membership Chair

Bethmuir1@earthlink.net 570-691-8069

### Region 2 Report

It's Almost MAI Foundation Auction Time Again... On Saturday, April 5, 2025, at MAI at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, VA, we will again be having our Annual Foundation auction/raffle to raise money for the USJCI Senate Foundation scholarship fund. We are asking that all donation baskets be made up, wrapped and ready for raffle. Any questions. Please feel free to contact me at 8706918069 or bethmuir1@earthlink.net

In JCI Senate Spirit, Beth A. Muir #65479

Region 2 Rep



### Chaplan Report

Hi! We, Jean and Rob Mawson are co-teaming the Chaplain position this year for 2024-2025. Hope the year is going well! As you see from the list, We have been busy with cards! We want to hear all the news from you good and bad!

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:

Lorraine Newill Fr #80 on the death of her brother, Bernard Dixon (8/24), also, Beth Newill #60235 on the death of her uncle, Beth Muir #65479 on the death of her god-father (8/24), Lloyd Lingle #59827 on the death of his brother (9/24), Joseph Sabella #26077 on the death of his brother (9/24), Cheryl France #57361 and Jim France #44665 on the death of Cheryl's Sister (10/24), Mike Primeau #53290 on the death of his wife (10/24), Greg Umberger #79559 & Missy Umberger #79560 on the death of Greg's Father (10/24), Sheila Evans #68301 on the death of her father (10/24), Donna Hurd #68302 & Harry Hurd #67250 on the Death of Donna's brother-in-law (10/24), Sherry Price, Past PA Jaycee State President, on the death of her mom (11/24), Erica Fetsko #80531 of the death of her Step-Mother (11/24), Tony Patte #76834 (first sent Thinking of You, Father went into Hospice), then he passed away and we sent a sympathy card. (11/24), Pat Fields FR#85 & George Fields #46096 (first sent Thinking of You, Pat's Father went into Hospice), then he passed away and we sent a sympathy card. (11/24), To the family of Gary Yerger #44309 passed away 11/17/24

### Get well Wishes:

(Thinking of you to) Greg Umberger #79559 while recovering from ankle surgery (8/24), Robert McDonald #58286 had surgery. (10/24), Nicole Dapp #74656 has ongoing health issues (10/24), Lois Martin #68841 was hospitalized (10/24), Lorraine Newill FR#80 fell and was in the ER (11/24), Jay Glover #44309 on recent surgery (11/24), Janet Kozak #61574 fell (11/24)

### Happy Birthday:

Happy 70th Birthday to Jeri Stoehr #71480 (11/24), Celebrated a Happy Birthday with President Sally Traczuk at Shady Maple! (11/24)

### Co-Chaplains

Jean Mawson #66086

Rob Mawson FR #118



### Newsletter Editor Report

Happy New Year! Wow last year went fast. Greg and I would just like to say how much we appreciate all the cards and messages during his surgery & recovery. We also want to say thank you for all the sympathy cards and messages with the loss of Gregs dad. We truly are blessed to have you all in our lives.

Missy Umberger #79560, Newsletter Editor

Greg Umberger #79559, Website Editor

### Region I-V Presidential Sweepstakes Report

Hello everyone! My name is Ann Harrison, I am from the Delaware JCI Senate, and I'm also a Pennsylvania Senate member.

This year I am serving on the Sweepstakes Committee as the Prize representative for Regions I-V. Bob McDonald served in the same capacity last year and did a great job. As a reminder, my job is to collect prizes for the end of year National meeting in Chicago. The prizes will be given out at the Sweepstakes raffle during the week of June 15 – 19, 2025. Winners are picked from Sweepstakes raffle tickets you purchased. The prizes are gift cards, cash, or Senator donated items or baskets. Gift cards can be in any amount, no matter how small. Prizes will be raffled off in \$100 increments. For example, if you donate a gift card worth \$20, we will find other cards/cash that total \$100. For every donation you make that is worth up to \$100, you will receive two additional free raffle tickets. If your donation is over \$100 you will receive additional tickets. I will be at Pennsylvania's meeting and elections, February 7-9. I encourage you to bring a donation at that time. However, if you will not be there and wish to donate, I will also be at MAI in April and at your end of year meeting weekend in May. If you wish to send a card(s) or a check instead of cash, my address is 407 Shai Circle Bear, DE 19701. If you prefer to send a check in support, please write it out to me. I will cash it in, then put your donation into the cash column for the raffle in June.

Thank you.

Ann Harrison #75822 Region I-V Presidential Sweepstakes Prize Rep, [ann.harrison58@comcast.net](mailto:ann.harrison58@comcast.net)



### DUES ADMINISTRATION Report

Below is a list of our members due for March. 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 or when you're due, please contact me at 570-691-8067 or by email at [kmuir.rd3@gmail.com](mailto: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

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BOB JUNKINS #48811

JEFF KOZAK #63411

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BETH BURDETTE #54160

THOMAS CONLON #58482

\*DON EBBITT #58601

C. RICHARD HARTLEY #7893

SHELLE JAMIESON #82307

BRENDA KIRBY #51155

WILLIAM KRAMER, JR. #65433

CURTIS LOSE #63009

\*LOIS MARTIN #68841

GEORGE MITTEN #28526

\*BETH MUIR #65479

\*ARIS PASLES #10546

STACEY SMALL #64464

GLENN THOMAS #28258

\*DOUGLAS ZIMMERMAN #51157

### Scholarship Report

Hello Pennsylvania JCI Senate:

The Scholarship Program is off to a great start for this year. The information went out to the schools in early December and scholarship applications are already starting to come in prior to the postmark deadline. Judging will need to take place in late January or early February. Please let me know if you are interested in helping to judge.

S. Beth Newill #60235

PA JCI Scholarship Chair 24-25

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### Candidates withdraw for President of the Pennsylvania JCI Senate

After further consideration and discussion with Jeff Kozak, I am withdrawing my name as a candidate for PA JCI Senate President for 2025-2026. My main desire and ambition has always been to serve as the PA JCI Senate President in 2026-2027 when Gary Duell is US JCI Senate President. From my interviews and discussions with Gary, with current and past PA JCI Senate Presidents and with past US JCI Senate First Ladies, I understand what duties will be required for both positions and the timing of those duties. I WILL be able to serve you well in both positions at the same time. I also believe that it will be advantageous to PA for us to be the first ones to have the US JCI Senate First Partner (they aren't always Ladies!) be a State President simultaneously. We, the PA JCI Senate, are leaders in so many ways, year after year. This will be one more way for us to show those who say "it can't be done" that indeed, it CAN be done! (It's a left over Jaycee feeling to want to show the way 😊). Looking forward to voting for and supporting Jeff in 2025-2026 and, even more so, looking forward to you voting and supporting me in 2026-2027.

Your fellow PA JCI Senator and friend,

Diane Duell, #74147

### Candidate for President of the Pennsylvania JCI Senate

Jeffrey Kozak, JCI Senator #63411 Past President (2X) of Upper Perk Jaycees. Also held most other local chapter officer positions. Owner of JD Custom Cabinets and resides in Quakertown, PA

Positions held in the PA JCI Senate: 2008/09- Position as Chaplain, 2016/17- Office of Secretary, 2017/18- Office of Secretary, 2018/19- Office of Secretary, 2019/20- Office of Vice-President, 2020/21- Office of President, 2021/22- Office of Chairman of the Board, 2023/24- Office of Chairman of the Board, 2024/25- Currently holding the National position on Future Directions Committee as Region 2 Representative. During my term as PA JCI Senate President, we had to deal with the difficulties of the Covid 19 pandemic. I felt like I missed out on the true experience of leading our organization. In the next few years there were others ready to hold the position. In the coming year it looked like my opportunity to step back up, so I decided to enter the election. Thanks for your faith in me to lead the Pennsylvania JCI Senate once again!!

### Candidate for Treasurer of the Pennsylvania JCI Senate

S. Beth Newill Senate #60235

Jaycee chapter(s) Solanco Current City: Lancaster PA

Positions held in the PA JCI Senate: President 13-14, Vice President 12-13, Treasurer 11-12, Chairman of the Board 14-15, Senate/Jaycee Liaison, Sunshine Club Chair, Scholarship Chair

Positions held in Region 2 or US JCI Senate: Road Run Program Manager 14-15 & 15-16, Region 2 Task Force Representative, Parliamentarian 12-13, Convention and Bid Review Rep 17-18, Ticket Chair for Presidential Sweepstakes 21-22

Why are you seeking an office for the 2025-26 PA JCI Senate year? Seeking the office of treasurer to become more involved in the Pennsylvania Senate again.





### **If You Really Want To Get In Touch...**

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### **Moving or want it mailed?**

It cost you money to move-Well it costs the Senate money if you do not let us know. So, let us know when you move. Put us on your address change list. If you send us your address before you move, you will help save us a bundle of money. Cut this out and send information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Senate # \_\_\_\_\_  
New Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
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