

# PA JCI SENATE NEWSLETTER

## WINTER 2026



### Presidents Report

Hope everyone has had a fantastic holiday. As we reflect on our holiday gatherings, I would like to thank Nancy Salopek for putting together the west Christmas party in Pittsburgh. My first time attending with my son Patrick. We had a great time. Since he is a huge football fan we took a side trip to the football hall of fame. What a awesome place!!

I am so proud to see all the pictures of people that participated to honor our fallen veterans by laying wreaths on their grave sight for Wreaths across America. Thank you to everyone that purchased wreaths to make this possible. Thank you to Bob Cairns and Scott Kingsley from New York, and Gary and Diane Duell for coming to our eastern location at New Goshenhoppen church in East Greenville Pennsylvania to help. With a team effort with the DAR along with boy scouts and community volunteers we laid over 400 wreaths!! Thank you to Janet Kozak who worked countless hours to make this project a huge success.

Following that Janet and I hosted the Feast in the East to celebrate with our Christmas party of Jaycees, Senators, friends and family. Was an awesome time with around 60 people attending. Bob and Scott joined us as well as Ron



### Vice President Report

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday. Our next board meeting is now only one month away. Coming up February 6-8, we will 'Keep On Rockin' In the Senate'. It is at the Hampton Inn York, 1550 Mt. Zion Rd, York, PA, 17402. The phone # is 717-840-1500, use PAJ when reserving a room. For Friday night hospitality, pick a song with a type of food in the title, and make something based on that food. There are a lot of songs to choose from!

Saturday will begin with a Foundation meeting at 9 am, followed by the General Meeting at 10 am. We will have lunch, followed by Red Hats in the afternoon. Dinner Saturday evening is on your own. There is a Texas Roadhouse right next to the hotel. Hollywood Casino York is also close by for anyone interested.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Matt Boyer #76878  
Vice-President

and Barb Hepburn, and Mel and Melanie from New Jersey.

In January, many from PA will be in Melbourne, Florida for the Winter BOD meeting. Pennsylvania will have its own winter meeting in York, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. In attendance will be our NVP Ann HHarrison. VP Matt Boyer has a great weekend planned. Make your plans now to join us for a lot of fun!!! This meeting will be our election for the the coming year. The new officers will then be sworn in at the year end May meeting in Quakertown. More info to With a Happy New Year to everyone, I would like to thank everyone from Pennsylvania for all that you have done so far this year. It's all of you that are making this a great year for me!!! I ask you all to keep up the good work, have lots of fun!!!

Thanks to everyone for your participation in the Region 2 fundraiser. Thanks to all of you Pennsylvania was the #1state in sales!!!! I know NVP Ann is very grateful for your efforts. And a big thank you to Katy Lemmer for managing this fundraiser!! You ROCK Katy!!!! Good luck to all of you to having the winning numbers!!

FLY PA FLY!!!

Jeff Kozak #63411



### 2026-27 Officer Announcements

Thank you to those who have announced their interest for the elected positions for the PA JCI Senate 2026-27 year. Elected positions are President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Announcements may be made until the start of the February business meeting.

President- Beth Newill

Vice-President- Beth Muir

Treasurer- Russ Lang

Secretary- Donna Hurd

Nominations and elections will be held at the February business meeting, installation is at the May meeting and officers begin their duties on July 1, 2026.

Details for elections and duties of each office are included in the most recent bylaws. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sally Traczuk #68943

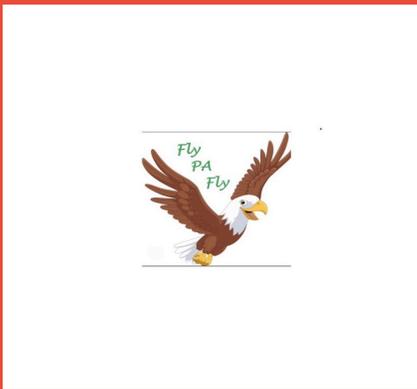
PA JCI Senate Chairman of the Board





**Candidate for Secretary**

My name is Donna Hurd, Senate #68302. I live in Myerstown with my husband, daughter and demon cat. I work as a Payroll Administrator at a small accounting firm. I was a member of the Myerstown Jaycees. I've never held any positions with the PA Senate...thought I'd change that this year by running for Secretary.



**Candidate for President**

S. Beth Newill #60235  
Solanco Jaycees  
Live in Lancaster, PA

PA Senate Positions held:  
Treasurer 25/26  
Scholarship Chair 24/25, 25/26  
Future Directions Committee  
Chairman of the Board 14/15  
President 13/14  
Vice President 12/13  
Treasurer 11/12  
Sunshine Club/Chaplain  
Senate Liaison  
Lost Senator Chair

US JCI Senate Positions held:  
Parliamentarian  
Future Directions Committee  
Convention and Bid Review Committee  
Return the Favor Program Manager  
Prize Chair for Sweepstakes  
National Meeting Co-Chair Pittsburgh 17

I am running for President for 26/27 to help support the Pennsylvania JCI Senate through the year ahead. I look forward to continuing the friendships that I have made throughout my Jaycee and Senate Career and look forward to making more.

**Scholarship Report**

Thanks again everyone for your continued support of the PA JCI Senate Scholarship program. We have been collecting our nomination forms and judging at the end of January. If you are interested in helping to judge please let us know. We will announce the winners at February Boards and forward them on to the US JCI Senate.

Julie Livingston #73032





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### Treasurer's Report

Hi Everyone,

As the year progresses I just wanted to remind everyone that you need to fill out income and expense sheets for any income that you collect or expenses that you need reimbursed by the Pennsylvania JCI Senate. In addition I would like to have all income and expenses completed by July 1st, so please plan ahead. If you have any questions about the financials for the Pennsylvania JCI Senate please feel free to reach out to Finance Committee Chair Amy Newton or to me.

Yours in JCI Senate Spirit,

Beth Newill #600235

PA JCI Senate Treasurer 25/26

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Happy New Year,

I hoped everyone had a happy holiday.

The US Senate Winter Board Meeting will be held in Melbourne Florida from January 15th to January 18th, 2026. Host by the Florida JCI Senate. Onsite registration will be \$125.00. The hotel is the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place 200 Rialto Place Melbourne FL 32901.

Mini National Region VII JCI Senate February 19-22, 2026 at the LaConte Hotel Conference Center Pigeon Forge TN. MAI 2026 annual meeting 4/9-11, 2026 hosted by the New York JCI Senate at the Doubletree Hilton Jamestown NY. Full registration postmarked by 2/15/26 \$115.00. Postmarked by 3/1/26 \$125.00. On-site \$135.00.

The Year End Senate Meeting will be hosted by the Texas JCI Senate in San Antonio Texas. The dates are June 14th to June 18th, 2026. Full registration postmark before 5/14/2026 is \$170.00. Postmark after 5/14/2026 will be \$185.00. On-site registration will be \$200.00. Hotel information Wearin San Antonio North 9721 Colonnade BLVD San Antonio Texas 78230. Group rate is \$160.00.

Cheers to 2026

Nicole Dapp #74656

Conversations Program Chair



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### Lifetime Membership Report

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. I would like to thank all the Lifetime members who have sent in their donations for the 2025-26 Senate year. If you haven't

sent them in yet ... it's not too late. 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  
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It's MAI Foundation Auction Time Again...

On Saturday, April 11, 2026, at MAI at the Doubletree by Hilton, Jamestown NY, 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 BASKETS be made up, wrapped and ready for auction. Please understand this makes it easier for the committee to set up and run smoothly. We are asking you please keep the baskets in your room until Saturday. A drop-off time will be announced prior to the meeting. Your cooperation is appreciated. Any questions. Please feel free to contact me.

In JCI Senate Spirit,  
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### DUES ADMINISTRATION Report

Here's who is due for March. Dues reminder notices went out. Remember dues are \$37.00 per year. Thank you to those who have already paid their 2025-26 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](mailto:kmuir.rd3@gmail.com) The dues billing form is also on the website at [www.pajcisenate.org](http://www.pajcisenate.org) 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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\*AMY NEWTON  
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MARTHA SCHRIVER  
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\*THOMAS J TAYLOR  
GLENN THOMAS  
CONNIE VITALE  
LAURIE WATKINS  
\*DOUGLAS ZIMMERMAN



### Newsletter Editor

Happy New Year Friends & Family! We hope you had a relaxing and joyous Holiday. I am very excited to be using Constant Contact for the Newsletter. Articles for the Spring edition will be due March 30th. Please email articles and photos to [pajcinewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pajcinewsletter@gmail.com)  
Missy Umberger #79560, Newsletter Editor, [missyu@comcast.net](mailto:missyu@comcast.net)

### Website Report

As always please continue to email any photos to [pajcinewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pajcinewsletter@gmail.com) and we will get them uploaded. Also ANY Jayvee event that you are aware of, please let us know so we can add it to the calendar on the website.

Greg Umberger #79559, Website Editor

### Sunshine News

“Come to Me when you are hurting and I will soothe your pain. Come to Me when you are joyful, and I will share your joy, multiplying it many times over”: from “Jesus Calling” by Sarah Young

Congratulations and Good News: Congratulations to Nicole Dapp (#74656) for being awarded a Presidential Award from the PA Women of Today in Myerstown (that’s Nicole’s 2nd award!!) and Congratulations to Nicole Dapp (#74656) for winning the “Winner Winner Chuckwagon Dinner” from the Sweepstakes Mentors Ad. Congratulation cards may be sent to: Nicole Dapp at 4841 Orchid Way, Dover, PA 17315.

Celebrating the Lives of Our Senators’ Families: Diane Wright Duell, the ex-sister-in-law of Gary (#48384) & Diane (#74147) Duell passed away on 12/12/2025; sympathy cards may be sent to Gary & Diane Duell at 528 Thorngate Place, Millersville, PA 17551

Prayer Concerns: Sally Traczuk (#68943) had another eye surgery on November 12, 2025; all went well and she was allowed to return to work. Get Well wishes can be sent to Sally Traczuk at 5 Forest Lawn Court, Reading, PA 19606.





### Chaplan Report

Dear Fellow PA Senators,

I pray & hope that your Holiday Season has gone well! As we start this new year of 2026 (which still sounds futuristic to me – LOL), may we remember to follow our creed by putting God first and following that up by providing service to others. A great example of this, I believe is our annual Wreaths Across America (WAA) that we celebrate in December, which is SUCH a busy time! And yet, so many people took time to say a prayer as they laid a wreath on the grave of an American soldier who gave his/her life for each one of US! In previous years, Gary & I participated in this touching event out in the western part of PA, where it was coordinated by Nancy Salopek (#47610). This year, we participated in the eastern part of PA, where it was led by Janet Kozak (#61574), as head of the local DAR chapter (along with being the PA Project Coordinator for WAA). I really appreciated the service

members who participated by carrying the flags and by helping lay the wreaths in a special part of the event to commemorate each branch of the American military (this was done prior to laying wreaths on individual graves). I found this to be a very moving, special aspect of the ceremony. Remember to keep me informed about your joys & concerns so that I can pray more specifically for you & yours! Looking forward to seeing many of you in Melbourne, FL for our national meeting! Prayers for safe travels, wherever you are heading!! We are approximately halfway through our Senate year, so keep on keeping on (I bet I am showing my age with that phrase.)!

Have a blessed day,

Diane Duell, #74147 PA JCI Senate Chaplain, 2025-26

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### LOST SENATOR

Happy New Year ! As your chairperson again for the 2025-2026 Lost Senator programs we will select #18 to join this prestigious group of Senators.

I have someone who is submitting a previous JC for the Lost Senator award, currently gathering all the information for submission. This program is not limited to 1 per year if all

qualifications are met. After selecting the proper paperwork needs to be filed, sent to JC President and JCI National President for signatures. After the signatures are achieved it is then mailed to JCI USA for review and this process could take up to 6 weeks. Who will be #18??? Ask any of the Lost Senators who have received the award what an honor it was to be selected. Try and keep it a Surprise! Here's how you can participate. If you know someone from a FOLDED chapter who you feel should be a Senator, gather the information such as number of years they were in Jaycees, offices held, District and State positions a plus! Major chairmanships and other ways that they made a positive impact for the organization in their communities. The Senator application asks for the recipient to have had a minimum of 5 years active as a JC. I ask for you to submit the information of the prospect to me in a resume form. A Senate application is not necessary but would be appreciated. If you have further questions please contact me. Thank-you Sheryl Zagar #77791 sfzagar@verizon.net or facebook Sheryl Zagar #77791

### S.O.A.R.

Senate Orientation Activation Retention

We want to remember to take photos of our visitation Roundups! Take a picture with President Bruce's paddle if possible, list everyone in your photo, and where it was taken! Your pictures could possibly end up in a Mentors publication! I haven't received many photos for submission, so remember to send me them so Pa. can get recognized.

Thanks to our Senators that have been supporting the BLUE on Mondays for First Responders and RED on Fridays Remembering Everyone Deployed and posting in Our Private Pa JCI group page. If you see a photo, if you could like or comment on this it helps the algorithm. I have submitted some of the photos that I saw our Pa. Senators at! Thanks for your cooperation with this and the Lost Senator program.

Sheryl Zagar #77791

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### Other News...

Fly PA Fly T-Shirts still available, Sizes L>3XL @ \$13 > \$19, Crew & V-Neck options. Please contact Janet at [janbrom@aol.com](mailto:janbrom@aol.com) or 215-601-2490 if interested.

Congratulations to Mike Traczuk #52181 on winning November's Wreaths Across America 50/50 Fundraiser!! Wreaths Across America ceremonies took place in all 50 states, U.S. territories, and at 26 American cemeteries overseas, ensuring that we honor and remember our heroes wherever they rest. This year, across the country at 5,598 participating locations, millions of Americans gathered safely as one nation to Remember, Honor and Teach while placing over 3.1 million wreaths on veterans' graves. We honored 480 Veterans with wreaths placed at New Goshenhoppen UCC Cemetery in East Greenville and Palm Schwenkfelder Cemetery in Palm, PA on December 13th.

If you would like to sponsor a wreath to remember someone for next years' Wreaths Across America Day, December 19, 2026, please go to our sponsorship group code <http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/PA0967> for the PA JCI SENATE to purchase your wreath. For every wreath sponsored, that cemetery will receive \$5 credit towards another wreath purchase when our sponsorship group code is used. Please contact Janet Kozak to add any cemeteries to our group code.



### **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:

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