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of the  
Michigan  
JCI Senate

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHIGAN'S NEWEST SENATORS!



Steve Pickelmann with JCI Senator #73373, **Trisha Way-Uphold**, of the Frankenmuth Jaycees. Trisha received her Senatorship during a Frankenmuth Jaycees Pub Crawl which she chaired.



**Melissa Rau**, Senator #73374, with Tanya Quackenbush. Mel was presented with her Senatorship at the November General Membership Meeting of the Frankenmuth Jaycees.

## RAKING IN THE DOUGH FOR THE MICHIGAN JCI SENATE



**Patti Reitsma #55847** and **Deb Fewless #58565** earning funds for the Michigan JCI Senate at a poker game in Grand Rapids.



It's only Thanksgiving weekend and I am already sick of the cold weather. By the time this article reaches you we will most likely be buried in snow.

I'd like to start off by saying thank you to all the Senators that traveled near and far for Border Bash in October. This year Michigan, with **Wendy Klinge #60219** as our chairperson, was able to host this great event. I want to thank Wendy and **Vette Sutton #69414** for all their hard work in planning and setting up everything for this event. It was so nice to have the support of Presidents **Mike (#58312, IN)**, **Scott (#63745, OH)**, and **Digger (#36516, IL)** as well as NVP **Gary (#47047, Reg V)**.

I've come to realize just how the Senate is different from the Jaycees. In Jaycees, it's more about learning and building where as in the Senate it's more about building bonds with others and helping. While keeping that in mind we still need the funds to run social events and that is where our next event comes

into play. I was able to attend and work a shift at our last poker night in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I had a wonderful time with **Patti Reitsma #55847** and **Deb Fewless #58565** who showed me the ropes. It was so nice to also get to know them better. The senators on the Westside of the state have been such a blessing with running these poker nights for our organization. Each event is raising over \$4000.00 for our general fund. **Edonna Russell #69002** not only chairs these but also is responsible for making sure all the shifts are filled and all the paperwork gets turned in. GREAT JOB!

Our next upcoming Michigan event is our Post Holiday Party which again will be held on January 10, 2015 at Crystal Gardens. US Senate President **Randy #46420** and US JCI Senate President **Fay #68824** are both supposed to be in attendance so please let's try to have a wonderful turnout. Your chairperson for this Project is **Bill Beddoes #54456** and can be reached at [billbeddoes@me.com](mailto:billbeddoes@me.com). Registration forms are on our web site as well as being able



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to pay online ([michiganjcisenate.org/2015PHPpp](http://michiganjcisenate.org/2015PHPpp)).

I am looking forward to the second half of my term as your president and can only hope it is as much fun and adventure as the first half was.

Sincerely,  
**Gary L. Bulson #66823**  
42nd President  
Michigan JCI Senate

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In Gettysburg with US JCI President, **Fay Poissant #68824**



Putting on a poker face in Grand Rapids



Photobombed by **Deb Fewless #58565** at Border Bash

“C”-ya!

Happy New Year to all my fellow Senators! I'm so happy to be able to report to you as of November 20th we are officially a 501(c)7 organization! Yahoo! What does this mean? It means in the future will we be able to pull our own raffle licenses to help raise funds for the operation of our organization. What is a 501(c)7 status??? It means we are a “Social Group” and I think most of you would agree with that.

This process started back in the spring and involved many discussions with various professionals (CPAs, charitable tax lawyers, etc). At the Elections Meeting in April, the membership voted to approve this endeavor, using funds from the budget allocated for the Presidential expense line item. Detailed paperwork was processed and

we had a small hiccup with our EIN (employment identification number). We also had to file three years of back taxes. Thank you to **Mike O'Connell #40225** for all his assistance with this, as well as our treasurer, **Wendy Klinge #60219** and master-of-the-poker statements, our secretary, **Edonna Russell #69002**.

One important element to being a social group is we can only raise up to 35% of our funds from outside sources. I'm sure we will be able to monitor this and stay within these guidelines. We still have a few minor hurdles to jump (waiting to see if we owe anything for back taxes, for example). So stay tuned.

Yours in Jaycee Spirit,  
**Sue Foltin #63744**  
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## 2015-2016 MI JCI Senate Elections

Yes, it's that time of year already. We are beginning the process of securing nominations for the 2015-2016 Board of Directors. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 4th – time to be determine, tentative location to be Woodstone Grill (I-94 and Rawsonville Rd). The election committee is pending approval of the current board of directors at the time of this article submission. However, if you are considering running for any elected office, please submit to me (email: [suefoltin@gmail.com](mailto:suefoltin@gmail.com) or cell 734.476.1784) your name and desired position of office.

Positions we elect include:

- President (1)
- Vice President (2)
- Treasurer (1)
- Secretary (1)

All other positions are appointed by the President and approved by the newly elected board. According to our bylaws, eligibility for office:

### ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS

Section 10. Qualifications for election to office:

- A. President – Must be member in good standing of the Michigan J.C.I. Senate and

must have served at least one year as an officer prior to seeking this office.

B. All other elected offices – Must be a member in good standing of the Michigan J.C.I. Senate for at least one year.

More details will made available as the time draws nearer. Please keep an eye on Facebook (MI JCI Senate Home), the website ([michiganjcisenate.org](http://michiganjcisenate.org)) and your ENEWS.

**Sue Foltin, #63744**  
COB, MI JCI Senate



Hello Michigan Jaycee Senate, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I can't believe we are going into 2015 already. Where did 2014 go? We have done so many great things in 2014 and I can't wait to see where 2015 takes us.

I want to welcome our two new senators from the Frankenmuth Jaycees: **Trisha Way-Uphold #73393** and **Melissa Rau #73394**. Welcome to your new family. Congratulations also to **Kim Roffe** on the announcement of your twins in 2015.

We have some wonderful projects coming up Post Holiday Party on January 10th and we are also

working on having a Social in the Frankenmuth Area sometime in April. I have asked a few of the Frankenmuth senators to put this together for us. We will have more details to come in the upcoming months. Don't forget to save the date for May 15th and 16th for World Expo of Beer in Frankenmuth. Steve Pickelmann will be giving us more information on this as it gets closer.

Thanks to all the chairs for doing such a great job. Keep the excitement going for our Cool Change Year and I can't wait to see what 2015 has to hold for us.

**Kim**



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Happy New Year Senators!!! Winter in Michigan is always adventurous. If you like the cold and snow you are probably having the time of your life!!! I hope all of you had a fantabulous Holiday Season and are ready to jump right into 2015!!

We have an exciting few months ahead of us with our Post Holiday Party, our February Meeting in Troy and the always fun and eventful Region V Spring Fling in March (20th-21st) in Columbus OH. Certainly hope to see many of you at all of those events!! As the saying goes "the more the merrier". Pencil into your calendars our upcoming Elections meeting that is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 4th 2015. Place, time and lunch details will be forthcoming.

Speaking of February Meeting, don't forget we offer thee BEST Hospitality party around! Come on out and see what our Chairpeople have planned

this time around. **Jello Ray, Edonna** and **Amy** seem to always have something fun up their sleeves for us!!!

Please keep in mind that our Scholarship program has an upcoming submission deadline. You can find the form on the Michigan Senate Home page. The same form will be used for both Michigan and U.S. entries. Email to chair, **Abby Smith**, Senator #64738 (scholarship@michiganjcisenate.org). The Deadline for Michigan Scholarship is Jan 09, 2015. Top two candidates will be submitted to US JCI Senate.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, suggestions, ideas or just to say Hello!!! My contact information is listed below.

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*"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do".*  
--Pope John XXIII

Where does the time go.... Another article due.... which also means that another membership quarter is coming up...

We have nine (9) annual dues paying members due this December. The following individuals received invoices from me ( I apologize for the tardiness of the invoices – as I was having computer and internet issues and missed the receipt of the dues kit):

Lisa Dunville	70381
Debi Goetz	68648
Barry Marshall	55901
Teri Marshall	59563
Barb Sartorius	49362
Kim Smith	57268
Wendy Taylor	71712
Scott Zeller	26645

But, you don't have to wait for the invoice - you could send in your check for \$20.00 to Michigan JCI Senate,

c/o Wendy Klinge, 1186 Paddock Place, Apt. 103, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or go to [michiganjcienate.org](http://michiganjcienate.org) and click on the Dues tab and for \$21.00 you can pay by paypal....

You also have the option to become a life member and pay \$200.00 or four quarterly payments of \$50. This is what our newest life member #455, **Abby Smith #64738**, did. Congratulations.

Congratulations also to new life member Senators **Melissa Rau #73394** (life #454) and **Trisha Way-Uphold #73393** (life member #453), both from Frankenmuth. They were recently presented with their Senatorships.

Many of our records are not up to date, so if you have moved, changed phone numbers or e-mails in the last six months or so please update your contact information with the Senate. If you are not receiving the *Mentors* magazine it is



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probably because we need to update our roster and Nationals. This can also be done through the website or giving me a call.

Thanks,  
**Wendy Klinge #60219**

Greetings fellow Senators!

It seems so weird to say 'fellow Senators'. I am not used to being a Senator yet! I decided to serve my last year as a Michigan Jaycee on the State Board as the "Senate Liaison." President Elect Matt Sernau said I could basically do what I wanted with the position. So I would like to expand on the relationships that Steve Pickelmann began this past year. I envision the Senate Liaison to be a go-between to keep the Senate apprised of what is going on in the Jaycees and educate the Jaycees on the Senate function and events. I would also like to work with Eric Roffe, Training Director, to help expand the utilization of Senate wisdom and experience. All of the Senators who presented during 2013 had a great

experience and I know the Jaycees all loved hearing about leadership strategies from the Senators. My last goal is to create more awareness and fellowship between the two organizations. Most of the attendees at Conference (especially the newer crop of Jaycees) have no idea what the Senate is or does. I would like to see more interaction at Conference and potentially do an actual 'event' separate from Conference that brings the Senate and the Jaycees together for a day or weekend outing to socialize and collaborate. Please fill out this very short survey regarding such an event: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W88NVXP>

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# BORDER BASH - OCTOBER 17-19, 2014

On Saturday, October 18th Michigan JCI Senate hosted the annual Border Bash at the Splash Universe Holiday Inn in Dundee, Michigan. We had over 50 people in attendance over the entire weekend, with 24 people participating in the Mystery Card event; while others socialized together or went to wineries or area shops because they "don't play cards."



Mystery Cards is a game that is played four hands per round, with each hand having something different for points. After the four hands, the winners stay at the table, but one person moves one seat and the losers move on to the next table, thus hopefully you might be able to see everyone that is participating during the course of the game. Scores are kept individually and then totaled at the bottom.



Our Presidents stayed at the same table throughout moving one seat if they lost. As you can see, I have included a copy of their score sheets and Michigan was the winner of the Presidential challenge.

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Michigan - 2,440 pts  
Ohio - 2,140 pts  
Illinois - 2,230 pts  
Indiana - 1,570 pts

Hospitality was great with lots of different items that people brought. Although there was some difficulty with lunch, we muddled through and the dinner buffet was great.



At the dinner Michelle Baskin let us know Jerry and Jocelyn were not with us this weekend as they were with their very sick grandchild and asked us to take up a collection to help with the family's home and medical expenses. I have also included a copy of the Thank you note that the Michigan JCI Senate received.



The water park was closed for maintenance, which worked out to our advantage as we were then able to host our hospitality all weekend in the party rooms off the water park. The hotel has told us to let them know next time in advance and they could possibly schedule their fall maintenance during our event so that we could use the same set-up (just an idea for a few years down the road).

Hope everyone who attended had fun!!!



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# INDIANA & KENTUCKY JCI SENATE

INVITE YOU TO A

## SENATE SOCIAL EVENT

ALL SENATORS, JAYCEES & PAST JAYCEES ARE INVITED

**JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>- JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**CLARION HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER - LOUISVILLE NORTH**

**(used to be the Holiday Inn Lakeside)**

**505 MARRIOTT DRIVE - CLARKSVILLE, INDIANA**

**ROOM RATE IS \$76.95 /NIGHT + TAXES**

**ROOM BLOCK DEADLINE IS 12/23/2014**

**CALL HOTEL DIRECT @ 812-283-4411**

**ROOM BLOCK UNDER THE IN/KYJCI SENATE**

**SENATE MEETING FOR BOTH ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM!**

<b>FULL REGISTRATION FOR ENTIRE WEEKEND</b>	<b>\$50.00</b> ____
<b>(includes both days of hospitality &amp; Prime Rib Dinner buffet on Saturday evening)</b>	
<b>SATURDAY HOSPITALITY ONLY &amp; BUFFET</b>	<b>\$40.00</b> ____
<b>DAILY HOSPITALITY ONLY</b>	<b>\$15.00</b> ____ per day

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 5th (ADDL \$5.00)**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE INDIANA JCI SENATE / MAIL CHECKS TO THE INDIANA JCI SENATE /ATTN: BILL WESTERHOFF #50825, TREASURER/11720 CALUMET AVENUE/CEDAR LAKE IN 46303**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SENATE # \_\_\_\_\_**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SENATE # \_\_\_\_\_**

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US JCI SENATE FALL BOARD MEETING, GETTYSBURG PA - SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2014

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**John Voshel #44396, Karen Voshel #62305, Don McDurmon #59099,  
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**Gary Bulson #66823**



**Scott Fitzgerald #63745 from Ohio,  
Robert "Digger" McGraugh #36156 from Illinois,  
Region V Vice President Gary Richey #47047 of Ohio,  
Mike Andrews #58312 from Indiana, and Gary Bulson #66823**



**Don McDurmon #59099**



**Karen Ryan #69546 and Jack Ryan #28446**



**Gary Bulson #68823 and Bill Beddoes #54456**

# REGION V JCI SENATE SPRING FLING



March 20 -21, 2015  
Hosted by the OHIO JCI SENATE

Crowne Plaza – Columbus North-Worthington  
6500 Doubletree Ave  
Columbus, Ohio  
614-885-1885

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Senate # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Senate/FS # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Time Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Item	Quantity	Postmarked By 2/12/15	Postmarked After 2/12/15	Total
<b>Full Registration</b>	_____	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Friday Only</b>	_____	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Saturday Only</b>	_____	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Full Registration includes – Friday - Hospitality: Saturday – Hospitality, Lunch and Banquet  
Friday only – Hospitality  
Saturday only – Hospitality, Lunch and Banquet

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO – Ohio JCI Senate – Spring Fling  
Mail to – Marilyn Jones #63590, PO Box 32, Ottoville, OH 45876 – Phone 419-203-4570  
E-mail [mmjones@bright.net](mailto:mmjones@bright.net)

## Hotel Information

All hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 614-885-1885. Crowne Plaza Columbus, OH, 6500 Doubletree Ave. Room Rate \$92.00 per night plus tax for standard two bed or king bed room. Use group code **Ohio JCI Senate** – Cut-off date for room block **Feb 21, 2015**.  
<http://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en@ionCode=1&hotelCode=CMHDA&PMID=99801505&GPC=JCV>  
Port Columbus International Airport 15 miles from hotel. (CMH)  
General Chairman – Earl Rice #47046

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 2015

- 10 MI Post-Holiday Party, Southgate MI
- 15-18 US JCI Senate Mid-Year Board Meeting, Tempe AZ
- 23-25 IN /KY Joint Senate Meeting, Clarksville IN

### February 2015

- 20-22 MI Membership Meeting, Troy MI
- 26-Mar 1 TN JCI Senate Mini-National / Region VII Meeting, Pigeon Forge TN

### March 2015

- 20-21 Region V Spring Fling, Columbus OH

### April 2015

- 4 MI JCI Senate Annual Elections
- 10-12 IN JCI Senate Annual Elections Meeting, Indianapolis IN

### May 2015

- 8-10 MI Membership Meeting, Traverse City MI

### June 2015

- TBD Installation / Yearend Banquet
- 21-25 US JCI Senate National Convention

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**June 21-25, 2015**

**Kahler Grand Hotel**  
 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW, Rochester, MN 55902  
 507-280-6200



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ JCI Senate # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ JCI Senate # \_\_\_\_\_ or Friendship # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is this your first JCI Senate National Meeting  Yes  No Spouse/Guest  Yes  No  
 Military Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you sharing a room?  Yes  No With whom please? \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	Qty	Postmarked by 5/1/15	Postmarked after 5/1/15	On-Site	Total
Full Registration		\$120.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	
Child Registration (5 – 12 years old)		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Early Hospitality (Sun 6/21)		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
Year End Banquet Only		\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	
Daily Hospitality Only		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
Daily Off-Site Fee		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Presidential Sweepstakes Tickets		1 ticket for \$15.00 or 2 tickets for \$25.00			
Hal Krekorian Golf Tournament		TBA	TBA	TBA	
Offsite Excursions		Visit <a href="http://www.nexgenassociates.com/mnicsenate">www.nexgenassociates.com/mnicsenate</a> for tour info			
Banquet Meal If special dietary concerns, please list		3 entrée buffet			
Cash or Check Discount on Full Reg.		(\$5.00)	(\$5.00)	(\$5.00)	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					

Make Checks Payable to "MINNESOTA CONVENTION 2015" - DO NOT SEND CASH

Method of Payment: Check/Money Order # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Master Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Forms and payment to:  
 DJ #44743 & Sharon #44742 Leppla, 1625 North Garden Street, New Ulm, MN 56073-1533  
 507-359-9345 [smleppla@newulmtel.net](mailto:smleppla@newulmtel.net)

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** Make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel by calling 507-280-6200  
 Request Room Block: JCI SENATE  
 Room rate is \$109.00 standard/\$139.00 executive per night plus 11.375% tax & includes 2 \$5.00 vouchers for breakfast each day with each room.  
 Room rates are held 2 nights before and 2 nights after. CUTOFF DATE FOR ROOM BLOCK IS MAY 19, 2015  
 Parking is \$8.00 per day + tax

Questions: Contact Sharon Leppla #44742 @ [smleppla@newulmtel.net](mailto:smleppla@newulmtel.net) or 507-359-9345



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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