



# SD JCI Senate News

January 2023

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Greetings Fellow South Dakota Senators!

Hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holidays with family and friends. With the weather not being very cooperative for the last couple of weeks, hope everyone was able to celebrate Christmas the way they had planned to. We had 20+ inches of snow before the holidays, so did a lot of digging out. Thank God for good neighbors coming to my rescue! Did venture out for Christmas with Cody to Sioux Falls to my nieces. Was nice to spend some time with family over the Christmas holiday. Wish everyone a Happy New Year in 2023.

We started off the first part of the year with a +7 for the first quarter, which was the top growth state in the region, plus we tied for top growth state in the nation. Thanks for everyone paying your dues, we would like to get more of you involved, so if you are not a paid member we would love to have you pay your dues, and get involved in this great organization.

With the first half of the Senate year over we still have lots to achieve in the new year. Kristie Hackley scholarship program manager will be having members help judge entries in January, if you are interested in helping judge, please get a hold of Kristi. In February SD JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10 & 11 in Yankton at Econo Lodge and suites. Friday night hospitality and noon potluck lunch (bring a dish to pass) with meeting at 2 PM. A walk-through of the NFAA will be arranged so the SD Senators have a visual of the event center where the Region VI Spring meeting will be held. Region VI NVP Paul Myer's will be attending for the weekend.

Also in conjunction with our meeting we are running a community project, Giving back to the community through Feed South Dakota. We are asking members to bring two or more nonperishable items to donate to Feed South Dakota. With the high prices of food right now, more families are struggling to feed their family. I feel this is a great way to give back to our communities. So I would appreciate if everybody can be involved with this project.

The committee is also busy with finalizing all the details for the Spring Region VI meeting & 50th Anniversary Banquet to provide a fun filled weekend for everyone! We are looking for any information, memorabilia, pictures or anything you may have to donate from the last 50 years. We also will be looking for donations for hospitality and also looking for manpower to help with the weekend. Thanks in advance for helping out if you possibly can.

Well till next time keep Celebrating with the Senate!

"Celebrating Past, Present & Future"

Cindy Crook #55834  
2023 SD JCI Senate Pres.  
605-460-1184

### ONTO Regional, National meetings

Greetings Senators,

Listed below are the next Regional and National meetings coming up. If you can attend and help promote any of the meetings, it would be greatly appreciated.

1. Region VI Spring Meeting: April 14-16, 2023 in Yankton, SD. Early registration is \$75 due by 3/1/23 or late \$85 after 3/1/23. Hotel is Kelly Inn, 1607 SD Hwy 50, 605-665-2906. Rooms are \$119 Single King, \$129 Double Queens. 35 first floor rooms and 15 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rooms in block. There is no elevator in the hotel. This is also our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
2. National Convention: June 26-June 30, 2023 at the Marriott St. Louis Airport in St. Louis, MO. Registration is \$140 postmarked by 5/31/23 or \$165 after 5/31/23. Call 833-474-0569 and request room block JCI Senate 2023 for room reservations which are \$125 per night plus tax of 19.33%. Room block cut off is May 25, 2023.
3. Iowa Summer Picnic: July 28-30 at the Hampton Inn, 5555 Sergeant Rd., Sioux City, IA 51106. Rooms are \$119 plus tax. Call 712-587-6984 for reservations. Early registration is \$45 by July 1 and late is \$60 after July 1.
4. US JCI Senate Fall Meeting: Sept 21-24 in Houston, TX at the Hilton Houston North. Rooms are \$139 plus tax. Call 281-875-2222 for reservations. Early Registration is \$75 by 8/21 and late after 8/21 is \$85.
5. Region VI Fall Board Meeting: Oct 6-8 in New London, WI at the AmericInn in New London. Call 920-982-5700 for Reservations which are \$104.00 plus tax nightly. Early registration on/before 8/1 is \$75 postmarked after 8/1 late registration \$85.

I have registration forms for each of these meetings. Or you can go on the USJCI Senate website and click on Registration forms and go from there. Or you can give me a call and I'll send you a form! I'll have them at the next SD JCI Senate meeting in Yankton in February as well.

Sure hope to see many of you at some of these meetings!

ONTO Regional, and National meetings

John D. Dahl #42828

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### SD JCI Senate Newsletter

Deadlines for article submissions for the upcoming newsletters are below. Please forward to [cdcalbers@yahoo.com](mailto:cdcalbers@yahoo.com).

Articles Due:	Newsletter distributed:
February 25, 2023	March 10, 2023
May 25, 2023	June 10, 2023

Please contact me with any questions.

Danielle Albers #76427

2023 Newsletter Editor



## South Dakota JCI Senate

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### *Winter State Meeting*

February 10 & 11, 2023

Econo Lodge Inn & Suites

2410 Broadway Ave. - Yankton, SD

605-665-8717

**Room rates \$80.00 + tax. Room block: SD JCI Senate/Gardner**

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**Friday 2/10/2023** Join Friday evening for  
networking and fellowship.

**Saturday 2/11/2023**

12:00 p.m. - Pot Luck lunch  
(bring your favorite dish to pass)

2:00 p.m. - SD JCI Senate Business meeting  
held in the hotel meeting room

A walk-through of the Archery Center where the Region VI  
Spring meeting will be held will be arranged.

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Contact Cindy Crook with any questions! 605-460-1184

## Feeding South Dakota

The SD JCI Senate will be collecting non-perishable food items to support the Feeding South Dakota program. We are asking each member to bring two or more nonperishable items to donate to Feeding South Dakota. This community fellowship project will help provide food items to families struggling, due in part, to increased food prices.

Food items will be collected through-out the remainder of the 2022-2023 JCI year. Please bring item to the SD JCI Winter State Meeting in Yankton, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

Contact President Cindy Crook with questions.

Cindy Crook #55834  
605-460-1184



**REGION VI SPRING MEETING****April 14-16, 2023**

Held in the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center  
800 Archery Lane  
Yankton, SD 57078  
Hosted by the SD JCI Senate



The SD JCI Senate is pleased to announce we will be hosting the Region VI Spring Meeting April 14-16, 2023. States that are a part of Region VI include Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. We can expect upwards to 150 Senators from these six states to attend.

The venue for the event is the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center in Yankton, South Dakota. This state of the art facility is an ideal venue to host an event such as the Region VI meeting.

We have a great team in place to make this event AMAZING....but we need your help!

Please contact Edith Arneson at 605-360-5580 or Vonita Gardner at 605-351-3170 if you are available to help out at the event.

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*On Target for 50 Years!*



In conjunction with the Region VI meeting, we are "ON TARGET" to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SD JCI Senate organization (a little early! – The SD JCI Senate was officially chartered in 1974).

Please join us as we walk down memory lane and celebrate 50 years as the SD JCI Senate!!!

If you have any memorabilia, photos, stories to share etc. from the last 50 years of the Senate, please reach out to the planning committee.

Please reach out to the committee if you have any of these things to share.

Gary Steen - 605-881-1500  
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Cindy Crook - 605-460-1184  
Chad Albers – 605-351-5034

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Hosted by the SD JCI Senate



The SD JCI Senate will also be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> JCI Senate Anniversary this weekend with a banquet and celebration.

Name		Senate #
Guest		Senate/Friendship #
Address		
City, State, Zip		
Email		Phone #:

*Full Registration includes Fri. hospitality starting 5:00 pm April 14, 2023 – Sat. hospitality, lunch & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet & Celebration*

REGISTRATION TYPE	COST	QTY	SUB TOTAL
REGULAR FULL REGISTRATION* (DUE 3/1/23)	\$ 75.00		\$
LATE FULL REGISTRATION* (AFTER 3/1/23)	\$ 85.00		\$
FRIDAY HOSPITALITY	\$ 15.00		\$
SATURDAY HOSPITALITY	\$ 15.00		\$
50 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND CELEBRATION ONLY (DRESS CODE: BUSINESS CASUAL)	\$ 35.00		\$
GRAND TOTAL:			\$

\*In case of inclement weather or family emergency, contact Edith Arneson or Vonita Gardner at the numbers below

**Make Checks Payable to SOUTH DAKOTA JCI SENATE****Mail Registration Forms and payment to:**

SD JCI Senate ~ Attn: Vonita Gardner  
1000 North West Avenue Ste. 410 ~ Sioux Falls, SD 57104

**Registration and Meeting Questions:**

Vonita Gardner (text/email) 605-351-3170 (vonitarae@hotmail.com)  
OR Edith Arneson (via text) 605-360-5580

Please check the correct boxes:

- ☐ This is my First Region VI meeting  
☐ I am interested in golfing on Sat  
☐ My special dietary needs are \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Best Western Kelly Inn  
(next door to the Archery Center)  
1607 SD-50 - Yankton, SD 57078  
605-665-2906

Request the SD JCI Senate block. Room rates are guaranteed through **March 24, 2023.**

**Room Rate:** \$119.99 Single King ~ \$129.99 Double Queens ~ Hotel provides complimentary breakfast  
 35 first floor rooms and 15 second floor rooms are held in the block

→ Please note - THERE IS NO ELEVATOR IN THE BEST WESTERN KELLY INN ←

Alternative hotel:

EconoLodge Inn & Suites, 2410 Broadway Ave, Yankton, SD 57078 ~ 605-665-8717 (approx. 3.1 miles from the Archery Center)



## South Dakota JCI Senate

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### *SD JCI Senate Annual Meeting*

May 5 & 6, 2023

Quality Inn

100 21<sup>st</sup> Street SW. - Huron, SD

605-352-6655

Room rates \$90.00 + tax. Room block: SD JCI/Gardner

**Rooms must be reserved by January 15, 2023**

Note the  
date for  
reserving  
rooms for  
this meeting

#### **Friday 5/5/2023**

Join Friday evening for  
networking and fellowship.

#### **Saturday 5/6/2023**

12:00 p.m. - Pot Luck lunch  
(bring your favorite dish to pass)

2:00 p.m. - SD JCI Senate Business meeting  
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Contact Cindy Crook with any questions! 605-460-1184

SOUTH DAKOTA JCI SENATE  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
FALL STATE MEETING  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2022  
2:00PM

There were 11 Senators and 2 Friendship Winners present.

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Cindy Crook #55834 at 2:07pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Dale Anderson # 61280.

**INVOCATION** was done by Chaplain Jim Johnsen # 44719.

Those present introduced themselves. There were no guests.

Ken Fischer #43036 was fined \$20 for his phone going off.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**- M/S/C TO APPROVE Julie Rieckman # 60573/ Jim Johnsen #44719

**SECRETARY REPORT**- Pat Hoelker # 45893. M/S/C TO APPROVE - minutes from May7, 2022 meeting. Ken Fischer # 43036/ John Dahl # 42828.

**TREASURER REPORT**- Vonita Gardner # 63629

Proposed budget was discussed.

Membership- +7. 100% renewal.

Mentors envelope was passed around.

Edward's Jones account- \$22,536. We lost \$532.13. Dividends-\$30.93. Most of our funds are in bonds with a few in limited risk bonds.

M/S/C TO APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT Pat Hoelker #45893/ Ken Fischer # 43036.

**SD ADVISOR REPORT**- Julie Rieckman-Caron # 60573

If you are interested in a board position, contact Julie.

## VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**- Chad Albers # 68747

**ON TO**- John Dahl # 42828. Upcoming meetings include: Region VI Meeting at Kahler Hotel in Rochester, MN Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>; Fall National Board Meeting in Golden, Colorado Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>-Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>; Winter National Board Meeting in Kenner, Louisiana Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>; South Dakota Winter State Meeting in Yankton, SD Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at Econo Lodge; Region Spring Meeting in Yankton, SD April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Kelly Inn; SD Year End Meeting to be decided. National Year End Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

**HOSPITALITY**- pending

**NEWSLETTER**- Danielle Albers # 76427- All agreed the last newsletter was good. Next deadline is 11/25.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**- (WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK)- Lynda Kludt # 67962. She updated up dated both pages.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**- Kristie Hackley # 76426. Lynda Kludt will help her.

M/S/C TO APPROVE VP REPORT- Vonita Gardner #63629/Julie Rieckman-Caron # 60573

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** – Travis Arneson # 69493

**SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS** were sold.

**BYLAWS** were discussed.

**SOARS**- Edith Arneson # 76428. She is working on getting someone to attend Region and National Meetings for My Story program. Also working on getting new Senators activated.



**MEMBERSHIP-** Vonita Gardner # 63629 contacting lapsed Senators.

**CAPS OF LOVE-** John Dahl # 42828- On-going. Still recycling. Leave lids on Pepsi products for recycling.

**RETURN THE FAVOR-** Individual members can go to the US JCI website to see how to get individual recognition. Due dates are December 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2023 Spring Regional Meeting /50th Anniversary will be chaired by Vonita Gardner # 63629 and Edith Arneson # 76428. Emcees will be Arnold Stinson and Dan Rabbott.
- By-Laws have been updated.
- SD state shirts were discussed by Ellen Shaner from Dakota Sports. President Cindy Crook # 55834 explained her choice of logo. Need to define state color- Table and Board will decide.
- There was a report from those who attended National meetings.
- Discussion was held on the National Convention Regions Party. We will need a donation for 25 Judges bags to be handed out the booth. John Dahl has not received a bill for taffy for last year's donation.
- Edwards Jones representatives to take effect July 1, 2022.
  - 5 year term and Administrator- Julie Reickman-Caron # 60573
  - 3 year term-Lester Sterns # 67960
  - Chairman of the Board- Kristie Hackley # 76426
  - Current President- Cindy Crook # 55834
  - Current Treasurer- Vonita Gardner # 63629

M/S/C TO APPROVE OLD BUSINESS Marsha Dahl # 47936/Jim Johnsen # 44719

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Cindy is inviting Region VI VP Paul to the winter meeting in Yankton.
- Annual Spring SD Meeting may be in Huron.
- Ways and Means and Fundraising will happen at Region VI spring Meeting.
- President Cindy will be making membership activation calls.
- Discussed community activities.
- Vonita is working on Membership Handbook/ lifetime letters.
- Discussion was held on name tags for Board members.
- Questions were asked about lifetime memberships taken from the general fund. Issue resolved.
- Ken will set up National photo was South Dakota appointees.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Please keep Sharon Koerner and Herb in your prayers. Also keep Leon Vander Esch in your prayers.
- Julie applauded Gary Watzel.
- Iowa Senate picnic will be in Sioux City, Iowa on July 28-30, 2023 at Hampton Inn and Suites. See Pat Hoelker for details.

M/S/C TO ADJOURN AT 4:07PM. Pat Hoelker #45893/ Dale Anderson # 61280.