



SD JCI Senate News

March 2024

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Greetings South Dakota Senators

As we are already 2 months into the new year, hope everyone is staying healthy. Earlier this month, Feb. 2nd Punxsutawney Phil – Weather Prognosticator Extraordinary – emerged from his burrow to make his much - anticipated forecast. Phil took a look around and didn't spot the villain: His Shadow! Which brought cheers as he predicted an early spring is in store for us! By this time of the year, I'm ready for early sunrise & late sunsets, Spring is in the air!

As the second half of the year is well underway, there is still much to achieve. Vonita Gardner #63629 Scholarship PM had 29 applications for scholarships this year. 1st - \$500 Rachel Koeppe – Rosholt High School, attending Minnesota State University Moorhead. 2nd - \$300 Haley Nelson Viborg –Hurley High School, attending Augustana University, Sioux Falls. 3rd - \$200 Amelia Mae Knutson – Sturgis Brown High School, attending University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

Other activities are updating the membership roster with current addresses, phone numbers and emails. If any of your information has changed or your not sure, please send the information to me. Thanks! Have a group of members going through the Constitution & By-Laws and Policies to up date them this year. Return the Favor opportunities with the Sioux Falls Jaycees.

Had a Fantastic turnout for our Winter Membership Meeting on Feb. 9 & 10, in Watertown at the Pizza Ranch. We welcomed Region VI NVP David Teachout & his travel buddy Bernard Thompson for the weekend. Also attending from Iowa Pres. Wayne Burkhurt, and from Minnesota Toon Bauman and DJ Leppla, who are duel members. The group toured the Terry Redlin Art Center & Museum on Saturday Morning. Eighteen members and guest had supper Friday night at the Lone Pine Bar & Grill and fifteen had supper Saturday night at the Watertown Brewing Co. it was a Great weekend to socialize.

Spring Region VI Meeting is April 19-21, 2024 in Des Moines, IA

The Annual Meeting & Elections will be in Sioux Falls May 10-11th, Saturday will meet for Pot Luck at 11:30am, bring a dish to pass. Meeting to follow at 2:00pm at the Dakota Lodge. If you are planning on staying over night on Friday or Saturday, please let me know so we can make arrangements and get a better rate. Reminder to bring nonperishable items for the community project Feeding South Dakota

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Membership Annual dues are \$30 a yr. Lifetime Membership is \$300. The National dues are \$7 dollars a yr, so that means the other \$23 dollars stays in our general fund to help with the expenses of the SD Senate. If you are not a paid member or are interested in becoming a lifetime member, please contact me. We would love to hear from you!

Well till next time Keep Celebrating with the Senate.

“Celebrating Past, Present & Future”

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2023-24 SD JCI Senate President
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PS: Just wondering if members really read the newsletters that we take our time to put out each quarter. If you read the newsletter, please let me know by text, e-mail or a phone call would be great. Thanks!! I only heard from 5 or 6 members that they read the newsletter last time (Thank You to those members). We also received a \$100 donation from one of our members/readers. Thank You!!



SD JCI Senate Newsletter

Deadlines for article submissions for the upcoming newsletters:

Please forward to Vonita Gardner at vonitarae@hotmail.com

Article Due	Newsletter Distributed
May 25th	June 10th

Please forward to Vonita Gardner at vonitarae@hotmail.com

Please contact me with any questions.
Vonita Gardner #63629
2023-2024 Newsletter Editor

1st Vice President

Hello and good day to all region 6 senators.

First of all I would like to say I am very sorry I was unable to make it to the last meeting in Watertown. It was my turn I guess to come down with covid and it was not very fun, but I hope to make it to Des Moines in April. The new company I work for - Kwik Star - is having issues keeping staff at one of their stores and I was asked if I would go over and do chicken at that store - and what do you know - my thank you for volunteering to help them out in need got me sick sick sick.

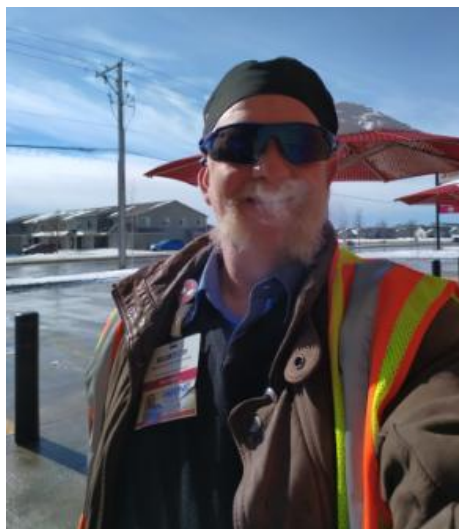
Nothing much really going on at this point in time but do want to say that Vonita and I were able to judge applications for the senator scholarship program. We narrowed it down to three with two going on to compete at Nationals - say a prayer for them and keep them in your mind!!

I've done a couple more casino nights for return the favor for the Sioux falls JC's and it's been really fun. The last event I did in Brandon at the golf course was so much fun that the people at my table yelled out it was time to start a tip cup that they put on the table where the pit Boss stays and that's because a lot of them said this is the best fun they've had in a long time. So I just want you guys to know I have a great time and good feeling when I leave that my return the favor hours are well spent and thank you Sioux falls JC's for including me in your events.

I want to say I hope everybody had a great New Year and Valentine's Day. I look forward to seeing you all again soon and next time I hope it'll be when I'm healthier hahaha!! :-) :-) :-)

So till next time God bless you all...

Sincerely, your 1st Vice President of the South Dakota JCI Senate Klinton 70384 & 123 LFTM MBR



Return the Favor Opportunities

The Sioux Falls Jaycees have casino night fundraisers scheduled for:

April 26, 2024

Lennox, SD

May 4, 2024

Huron, SD

May 17, 2024

Sioux Falls, SD

August 24, 2024

Sioux Falls, SD

Dealers for Blackjack, Texas Hold'Em and Roulette are needed.

Please contact Chad Albers at 605-351-5034
or Kyle Weelborg at 605-929-5985 if you are able to help out.

SD JCI Senate shirts

SD JCI Senate shirts are still available to order. Shirts are available in t-shirts, polos or button down. Shirts are purple in color, with the logo below.

Please contact Cindy Crook if you are interested in ordering.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA JCI SENATE
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA
February 10, 20274
2:00 PM**

In attendance: David Teachout(#68700), Ellen Shaner(#68746), Cindy Crook(#55834), Rose Steen(#57178), Jill Johnsen(#78110), Doug Kranz(#61730), Gary Steen(#56503), Toon Bauman(#67855), Ken Fischer(#43036), Vonita Gardner(#63629), Donna Hamre(#78687), Julie Rieckman(#60573), Chuck Caron(FR82), Marsha Dahl(#47936), John Dahl(#42828), Wayde Burkhart(#63877)

Pres. Cindy Crook called the meeting to order at 1:47pm. Started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. Cindy introduced the guests NVP David Teachout, Bernard Thompson, and IA President Wayde Burkhart.

The agenda was approved by Julie Rieckman(60573) and Jill Johnsen(78110)

The minutes were approved as corrected by adding Jill Johnsen to the attendance list. Julie(60573)/Doug Kranz(61730)

Treasurer's Report-

Membership-Dec 1st-49 due-39 Lifetime, 1 deceased, 10 annual

March 1st-31 due-26 Lifetime, 5 annual

June 1st-63 due-48 Lifetime, 15 annual

Mentors-Articles are due Feb. 25

Edward Jones Account-Balance-\$25,092.93/\$25,216.14

Vonita said the Sioux Falls chapter is covering the accounting service for the 501c4 not for profit status

Approved Ken Fischer/Vonita Gardner

SD Advisors Report-Julie Rieckman-Caron is serving nationally and Vonita Gardner is serving with Region VI.

Vice Presidents Report

Onto-John Dahl has registration for next meetings-Iowa, Tampa, Tulsa, Kenner LA. July 12-14 is Iowa Summer Picnic in Fort Madison.

Hospitality-everyone needs to help

Newsletter-Due Feb.25 and May 25 to Vonita Gardner

Social Media-Send events to Lynda Kludt for Facebook posts and Region VI Facebook posts

Scholarships-Gave forms to 129 counselors-28 returned and 3 winners picked:

Rachel Koeppe-Rosholt High School(\$500)

Haley Nelson-Viborg-Hurley High School(\$300)

Amelia Knutson-Sturgis Brown High School(\$200)

2nd Vice President Report

Sweepstakes-Collected money for tickets-The following people were winners: (63877)Wade, (52497)Bernard, (68746)Ellen, (61730)Doug, (68700)David T, (44719)Jim J, (55834)Cindy, (56503)Gary, (43036)Ken

Bylaws-passed out current ones but need to update some of the things in them.

SOARS-reach out to your area to get more people back involved

My Jaycee Story-Cindy Crook has the forms

Membership-covered under Treasurer's report

Return the Favor-Sioux Falls needs dealers Feb.24

Caps for Love-John Dahl takes to a recycler in Omaha, no black ones

Old Business-

Fall Region VI meeting-10 attended

National Fall Board Meeting-Houston-Had a good time

National Winter Board Meeting-Greenville, SC-wet and cold. Dahls won the Keep the Faith Award.

Wreaths Across America-Can be any cemetery, 26 donated in SD, needs to be better promoted, \$17.00 but can get 3 for the price of 2 on Jaycee Senate website

Membership Handbooks-get description of officer jobs.

New Business

Ways & Means-Ideas about volunteering at the SD State Fair and Moody County Fair. Can get up to \$150/day per person for doing this.

State Meeting-2nd week of May in Sioux Falls. More to come.

Summer Blast/Picnic-Decided to table for a year and see what the interest is later(Ken/Gary)

Spring Region VI Meeting-Des Moines April 19-21-Call the Sales and Marketing section of the hotel.

Have prices for 2 people and for 4 people to rooms. Hotel prices include breakfast.

Flags Across America-more info coming in June

USJCI National Convention-Tampa-June 18-22, 2024-this is Tuesday through Saturday. Have to pay for lots of meals out.

Officer Announcements

President – still need someone to step up

1st VP-Klinton Finley

2nd VP-Gary Steen

Secretary-Ellen Shaner

Treasurer-Rose Steen

Sergeant at Arms-Chad Albers

Adjournment-Julie/Toon



Treasurer

SD JCI SENATE

TREASURER REPORT

0/09/23

02/10/24

ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT	BALANCE	BALANCE
#2631	GENERAL	\$3,318.09	3032.09
#2260	SCHOLARSHIP	\$3,175.74	3182.88
#0193	LIFETIME INSTALLMENTS	\$5,415.64	5427.81
#0626	FUTURE SENATORS	\$1,015.33	1017.65
#5162	REGION VI	\$3,965.56	3965.56

Members March 1: Vonita Gardner
 Carole Harlan
 Marge Miller
 Martin Nowak
 Brad Vaughn

All 5 renewed

New Lifetime Member: Todd Wilkenson #145
 Rick Van Vleet #144
 Patti Dirks #146



Senate Photo Gallery

SD JCI Senate Winter Meeting
February 9 & 10, 2024 ~ Watertown, SD



Region VI NVP David Teachout and SD JCI Senate President Cindy Crook



Senators having a wonderful time at the Terry Redlin Art Center in Watertown, SD before the SD JCI Senate Winter Meeting.

Bernard Thompson, Wayde Burkhart, Ellen Shaner, Toon Bauman, David Teachout and Vonita Gardner.



ONTO Regional, National meetings

Here are the next Region VI State meetings, Regional and National meetings coming up.

Region 6 Meeting

April 19th and 20th 2024 Hosted by the Iowa JCI Senate – see registration on next page
Hotel is Holiday Inn Northwest Phone 515-278-4755 ~ The address is 4800 Merle Hay Road
Registration is \$80.00

USJCI Senate Annual Meeting

June 18th - 24 th 2024
The Hotel is Embassy Suites 813-977-7066
Registration is \$ 140.00

USJCI Senate Fall Board Meeting

Sept. 19th –22nd 2024 hosted by Oklahoma Senate
Hotel is the Renaissance Hotel 918-307-2600
Registration is \$ 75.00

Iowa Senate Picnic

July 12th – 14th 2024
Cobblestone Hotel 319-246-1401 ~ Address is 4901 Ave O Fort Madison Ia. 52627
Registration is \$ 45.00

All of these Registrations can all be found online ~ You can call me at 605-881-6199

Thanks, john Dahl # 42828 Onto Program Manager





Region VI JCI Senate Spring Meeting

April 19 through April 21, 2024

Hosted by the Iowa JCI Senate in Des Moines, IA
Holiday Inn Northwest



Name _____ JCI Senate # _____
 Spouse/Guest Name _____ JCI Senate/Friendship # _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____
 Email Address _____ Fax _____
 Current Office Title _____ Rooming with: _____

☐ Check here if this is your first Regional Meeting. ☐ Check here if you're a military veteran.

Item	Qty	Postmarked by 3/15/2024	Postmarked After 3/15/2024	TOTAL
Full Registration		\$80.00	\$90.00	
GRAND TOTAL				

- Full Registration includes Hospitality Friday/Saturday, lunch and evening banquet on Saturday.
- Vegetarian or Religious/Dietary Restrictions _____

Make Checks payable to IA JCI Senate Events & Mail check and registration form to:

Lisa Badger, #67973
 617 S. 5th Ave. E.
 Newton, Iowa 50308
 641-275-0988

Must be Postmarked by March 15, 2024

All hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel at Holiday Inn - Des Moines Northwest **515-278-4755**

Hotel Code: **SEN**

Free airport shuttle service just call the hotel at 515-278-4755.

Room Rate is: **\$130.00** plus taxes per night (Includes 2 Breakfast Vouchers per night) or **\$140.00** plus taxes per night (Includes 4 Breakfast Vouchers per night). Breakfast vouchers must be REQUESTED when making reservations. (Bennigans Breakfast Buffet is \$15.00 per person) Rates available April 18 - 21, 2024.

Reservation Cut-Off: **April 1, 2024**

Parking at the hotel is free.

Hotel address is:
 4800 Merle Hay Road;
 Des Moines, Iowa 50322



SENATE OUTREACH ACTIVATION RETENTION

(S.O.A.R)

The purpose of the Senate Outreach Activation Retention (S.O.A.R) program is to promote fellowship among Senators and to encourage participation and involvement of Senators in US JCI Senate programs and projects in order to increase involvement along with the activation and retention of the members and non-members of the US JCI Senate.

The Following activates will support the purpose of the S.O.A.R program:

- **First Timers Program – Nancy Caldwell**
 - Communication with all Senators prior to attending a national meeting for the first time.
 - Encourage the fellowship and communication with other Senators at national meetings
 - Introduction to all Senators in attendance at Board of Directors Meeting
 - Recognition of all who participate in the program.
 - Follow Up with first timers to solicit any suggestions on improving the program and to encourage their participation in future state, regional and national meeting
- **New Senators**
 - Welcome communication to all within the United States who are awards a JCI Senatorship throughout the year
 - Provide information related to the US JCI Senate National, Regina and State Organization
 - Welcome letter from US JCI Senate President
 - US JCI Senate Constitution, Bylaw and Policy
 - Registration Forms to all scheduled National Meetings
 - History of US JCI Senate and State organizations
 - Contract information for national, region and state officials
 - Continual contact throughout the year to ensure the new Senators are received the information they need to grow their involvement in their State, Region and national organization.

- **Outreach, Activation and Retention**

- Pirates!

- Encourage the visitation and participation in region, state and national Senate and Jaycee meetings and projects. Verification of attendance /participate will occur via the solicitation of photographs of Senators involved in the functions.

- Photos must include:

- The visiting Senator(s) and Jaycees/Senator(s) from home state who are not elected officers of the US JCI Senate
 - The Pirates on the Move flier, Pirate, a state mascot, something that designates the place of visitation
 - Points if you forget the flier but get a picture with President Hal in the state you are visiting(not his visiting your state)
 - Sent in with the Senators names and numbers, events and date
 - Be creative and have fun with your photo – they may inspire a fellow Senator to go on a visitation

- My Jaycee Story

- Solicit Senator to provide a story about their Jaycee experience
 - Why did you join?
 - What was the greatest lesson from your time in the Jaycees?
 - What inspired you to remain a Jaycee?
 - Limit of 250 words per story
 - Stories to be shared with the JCI USA and others within the US JCI Senate VIA the Mentors magazine.
- Support of the US JCI Senate JCI USA Liaison
 - Support of any programs or projects submitted or initiated throughout the year
 - Support of JCI USA local and state organization

Send "Pirates on the Move" and "My Jaycee Story" submissions to the S.O.A.R Program Manager.

Kim Hubbell #68729

Senate Outreach Activation Retention (S.O.A.R)

2023 – 2024 Program Manager

Waterfordjcs@aol.com

248-882-2279

My Jaycee Story

Senate Name: _____ **Date Submitted** _____

My Jaycee Story

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248-882-2279



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Have FUN with your photos – include an item that is from the local area, use this image, have a pirate, palm tree, or have a state mascot to include in your picture. Points if you forget this picture but get a picture with President Hal not while he's in your home state)

Submit to Kim Hubbell # 68729

S.O.A.R Program Manager

Waterfordjcs@aol.com

TAKE PIRATE HAL ON A GREAT RRRRRRRR ADVENTURE



EMBRACING THE ELEMENTS OF THE OPEN SEA

US JCI SENATE 2023 - 2024



Wheelchairs 4 Kids

Wheelchairs 4 Kids is the brainchild of Madeline Robinson (FL JCI Senator #50844) and her husband Lonnie (FL JCI Senator #33437). Since its founding in 2011, Wheelchairs 4 Kids has strived to fulfill one goal - to give physically disabled children and youth a better quality of life. As a national charity with hometown charm, Wheelchairs 4 Kids has improved the lives of more than 1,300 children with physical disabilities from 44 states by providing medical equipment, home and vehicle modifications and – of course – wheelchairs! Additionally, through their Wheely Fun Days, the charity offers inclusion programs which fosters community among their Wheel Kids and their families.

The USJCI Senate, State JCI Senate organizations and local JCI Senators can support Wheelchairs4Kids by:

- Becoming a Guardian of the Wheel Kids (Monthly recurring donation program)
- Hosting socials partnering with local affiliates of organizations supporting children and youth with physical disabilities such as United Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida Association and Muscular Dystrophy
- Connecting Wheelchairs 4 Kids with potential local partners throughout the United States
- Supporting the annual holiday party sponsored by Wheelchairs 4 Kids by sponsoring gifts for this event and other Wheely Fun Days

John Robinson #55768

Wheelchairs 4 Kids Program Manager

John3607@postoffice.ptd.net

(727) 953-7014 (home) or (570) 977-3697 (cell)



The Time To Join Is Now

Join our monthly donation Guardians of the Wheel Kids Club to help us improve the lives of wheelchair-using children!




starting at

\$10

a month

US JCI SENATE BENEFITS:

- Logo & Link On Our Website
- Quarterly Gratitude Posts & Impact Reports
- Pin for State Senate President
- Video w/ Kids Helped & Flyers
- End of Year Guardian Reception at Convention



GUARDIANS RECEIVE EXCLUSIVE CALENDAR AND ENAMEL PIN.

Reach out to us today:

- www.wheelchairs4kids.org
- Diane@wheelchairs4kids.org
- (727) 946-0963



South Dakota JCI Senate

SD JCI Senate Annual Meeting & Elections

May 10 & 11, 2024

**The Dakota Lodge
3200 West Russell St.
Sioux Falls, SD**

Friday 5/10	Networking and fellowship – location TBD!!
Saturday 5/11	11:30 a.m. – Pot Luck (bring a dish to pass) 2:00 p.m - SD JCI Senate Business meeting and elections

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