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I am still seeing them... and I am grateful for that!

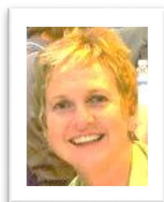
Thanks to everyone who participated in the December meeting and holiday social. We watched a concert called "Carols with Compassion" that ended up being more faith-based and fundraising than we thought, but the music was beautiful. I also loved all of the entries for what we are thankful for! Coming up in the New Year we are planning a Secret Snowflake and a New Year Scavenger Hunt!

Please don't throw in the towel. Whether its 3 months or a year, we will get back to our old ways! And I'm certain that some of our new traditions will continue on as well. It's easy to forget about things when we aren't as active with them, so please keep active and participate as much as possible so we can continue to *give them something to talk about!*

Happiest of Holidays to my Senate Family, and I would like to close with a quote from Dr. Seuss. *"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose!"* I pray you choose happiness, comradely and continued support to the Jaycees.

Michele Tarantino, Senator #63380

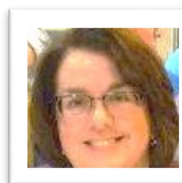
### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello Connecticut Senators! I hope you are all safe and healthy. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another.

It is traditional to reflect on the year as it comes to a close. This year, we have a lot of reflecting to do! I want to let everyone know how much I appreciate the support I've been given, especially with such strange goings on! I have been reflecting on seeing my friends and fellow Senators on a computer screen instead of in person, but I realize

### FROM THE COB



Hello Connecticut Senators!

I am so thankful to everyone for their continued thoughts, prayers and support shown to

me and my mother during these difficult times.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be on the Scholarship Committee. This year's application can be downloaded from the CT JCI Senate website. The deadline for applicants to submit their application is January 22, 2021.

The last time the Connecticut JCI Senate had a shirt was 2015 for the Fall Board Meeting. In anticipation of going to state, region and national meetings we thought it would be nice to have our own identity so President Michele (with input) has picked a snappy looking Campus Gold Color shirt which can be ordered using the shirt order form found elsewhere in the newsletter and on the website.

I can't wait till it is safe for everyone to be in the same room again and not have to worry about getting sick. In the meantime Connecticut, let's continue to BEE inspired and give them something to talk about.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Cathy Dempsey, Senator #67625

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS



In our last issue we reported that one of our Senators Carm Trotta #41365, a member of the Meriden Conservation Board was so impressed with our scholarship winner Shawn Carter Shay that he contacted Shawn. Shawn accepted Carm's invitation to attend a Meriden Conservation Commission Meeting and volunteered to become a member of the Natural Resources Inventory Committee.

In this issue Carm wishes further to compliment the Scholarship Committee on their choice. "They were right in giving his young man a scholarship. His

knowledge, work ethic, and maturity are second to none. "Carm reports that Carter joined the Committee doing a Natural Resources Inventory for the City of Meriden. *"His resume made him a perfect candidate for the group. But as perfect as it seemed, it was 100 times better. Over the last month or two he has suggested websites to help get needed information, set up websites to recruit volunteers when the actual inventory occurs and set up a liaison for the committee with the University of Connecticut. He has attended all meetings, both for the NRI committee and the city's Conservation Commission. Each day the list of his accomplishments grows"*.

*"I am also happy to have found someone like Carter because I had to resign from that committee and others because of doctor's suggestions. Carter didn't fill a void, he is doing what two or three people should do."*

Carter is seeking an internship at school for the coming year. As Carm said in his recommendation letter, *"I only make this endorsement to the college because he is someone I would hire myself."*

## FROM THE TREASURER



2020 has definitely been a "different" year, one in which we have gone without seeing one another for what seems like an eternity. Despite this we are so fortunate to have one another to lean on for support and encouragement, and continue in our own way to live the Jaycee Creed.

I am happy to report that after much angst the Connecticut Senate now has a mutual fund account with Vanguard with \$2000.00 invested in the Vanguard Star Fund, and an account with Live Oak Bank with \$2,500.00 invested in a 6 month CD paying 0.5%.

As previously reported, our Connecticut JCI Senate Life Fund does not currently and has not for several years generated sufficient income to cover life member dues at \$5.00 per senate member per year much less \$7.00 which became effective June 1. We hope the investments listed above will grow to cover our budget and offset the loss of annual dues payments which have been the engine for the operating fund. The Trea\$ure\$' Report appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

In the meantime, we are asking that Life Members consider making a donation to the Connecticut JCI Senate to bolster the Life Fund, Operating Fund, Scholarship Fund, and Forgotten Senators Fund. Checks can be sent to the CT JCI SENATE, c/o Jack Pasquale, Treasurer, 655 Los Altos, North Port, FL 34287.

*Thank you to the following Life Fund Contributors:*

- Syd Elkin, Senator #35189;
- Carm Trotta, Senator #41365;

*Thank you to the following General Fund Contributors:*

- Rich Bennett, Senator #39734;

*Thank you to the following Scholarship Fund Contributors:*

- Rich Bennett, Senator #39734
- Carm Trotta, Senator #41365

*Thank you to the following Forgotten Senators Fund Contributors:*

- Rich Bennett, Senator #39734

For the period July 1 through October 31, 2020 we received \$9.36 from Amazon through online purchases using the Smile Amazon charitable giving program. Have you **"SMILED LATELY"**?

Warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy Covid-free New Year.

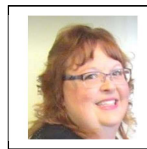
Jack Pasquale, Senator #32806

*Getting older is just one body part after another saying "Ha Ha, you think that's bad? Watch this."*



## US JCI SENATE E-NEWS

A good way to keep up with what is going on with the US JCI Senate, JCI, JCI USA, is to subscribe to the bi-weekly E-Blast by going to the USJCISENATE.ORG web site and clicking on the E-News Subscription link on the left side of the home page to enter your name, senate number and email address.




## SECRETARY


Hello Connecticut Senators


I hope you all are doing well and staying

safe 

I hope you enjoyed the "Carols with

Compassion Concert"  on Sunday December 6th.

I wish you Merry Christmas , Happy Hanukkah and A Great New

Year 

**In Senate and Friendship,  
Bonnie Blaisdell #69956**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ Virtual Scavenger Hunt January 9, 2021

This will be a virtual event. This scavenger hunt can be individual or a team (family, neighbor, friend, fellow Senator) and will take place via zoom and/or text messaging.

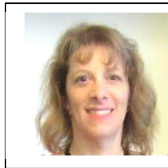
❖ Secret Snowflake, TBA  
 In January, those interested will choose names to do a secret snowflake gift card activity. Since we didn't have our usual Holiday Swap, we will start the New Year with a fun secret gift-giving extravaganza in the mail!

- ❖ NEFLA, North Port, FL February 10, 2021 Cancelled
- ❖ Spirit Social TBA

Gary Ruchin  
 Warren Sullivan  
 Roland Violette  
 Robert Wallek  
 Leslie Zaharevich Marques  
 Ray Simeone  
 Russell Turner  
 Andrew Wagner  
 John Warner

Please reply with to:  
[ctjicisenate@gmail.com](mailto:ctjicisenate@gmail.com) with your email address or other contact change information, or mail to: CT JCI Senate, 655 Los Altos, North Port, FL 34287.

## FROM THE SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR



Hello Senators!

Please contact me if you have any questions or need help to stay connected with the activities of the CT JCI Senate on Facebook!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Nancy Gianetti #69463



- "I'm thankful for my sweatpants!"
- "I am thankful for true and loyal friends."
- "I'm Thankful for my Family, staying healthy (so far) and still having a job."
- "I am thankful for some extra time for home improvement projects, my new mattress, and time with friends and family."

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To Jack Pasquale, Senator 32806 for being awarded the Black Diamond Inspiration Pin by US JCI Senate President Ariel Jones in recognition of continued involvement and inspiration to others.

## WHERE ARE YOU

TO ALL SENATORS: we are missing or have an incorrect email address for:

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Louis Carloni      | Lauren Cattell   |
| Mark Corvino       | Paul Doherty     |
| Russell Gabrielson | Michael Genovese |
| Paul Henderson     | Paul Kulas       |
| Joel Lomazzo       | Jeff Mackay      |
| Frank Maracco      | Brooke Monsky    |
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| Daniel Quintard    | James Raymond    |

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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**CT JCI SENATE TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**December 1, 2020**  
**(Unaudited)**



**Finances**

<b>Checking Account per on line (December 1, 2020)</b>		<b>\$ 9,573.28</b>
<b>VANGUARD Brokerage Account</b>		<b>2,000.00</b>
	<b>Calculated Balance</b>	<b>\$ 11,573.28</b>
<b><u>Reserve Funds</u></b> (included in the \$ 11,573.28)		
Life Dues Fund	\$7,108.56	
Scholarship Fund	\$4,462.72	
Forgotten Senator	\$ 97.15	
	\$11,693.43	
<b><u>Operating Fund</u></b>	(\$ -120.51)	
<b>Non-reserved Cash Available Balance (12/1/2020)</b>	<b>\$ (-120.51)</b>	<b>\$ (-120.51)</b>

Anticipated Receivable BOSCOV'S Friends Helping Friends

**Budgeted Payables**

NVP Support	\$ 50.00	
National Meetings	\$ 300.00	
Presidential Expenses	\$ 200.00	
Postage Mailings, Corresp.	\$ 275.00	
National Sweepstakes Prize	\$ 100.00	
Region ONE Dues	\$ 139.00	
	(\$ 1,064.00)	
<b>ANTICIPATED CASH DEFICIT</b>		<b>(\$ 1,184.00)</b>

"I'm happy for what I have and not what I want. I'm happy for good health and the health of my family, being able to take walks and enjoy our beautiful New England scenery and staying connected with family and friends through phone, email and texting."

"I'm thankful' this year for the wonderful set of Senate state presidents and their officers we have in Region One; and "thankful" for the great team of officers that are helping to make Region One successful; and for my family's good health."

"I have a Loving wife who cares for me.- Dishes to wash (food to eat) - Toilets to clean (indoor plumbing )- Laundry (clothes to wear) Health- And a country where I have the freedom to vote for our leaders no matter if we agree witch party is right or wrong we need to be sure to use it."

I am thankful for my health;  
 I am thankful for the love and support of my family;  
 I am thankful for my extended Senate family;  
 I am thankful I live in a country where I can pray to my God without government reprisal;  
 I am thankful for my life partner and mother of my children;  
 I am thankful for the blessings God has bestowed upon me;  
 I am thankful for my plentiful food, drink and shelter;  
 I am thankful for the opportunity to share my time and talents with others and thank God for blessing me with them to share;





## CT Jaycee Senate 2020 Shirt Order Form

**COLOR—CAMPUS GOLD**

**Pricing includes embroidery for CT JCI Senate logo**

**To add Name/Senate # add \$10.00 per shirt**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

### LADIES:

STYLE: Sizes XS-XL	ORDER #	PRICE	EXTRA SIZE FEE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Short Sleeve-Button Down	78194	\$36.00				
Long Sleeve-Button Down	78193	\$38.00				

### MENS:

STYLE: Sizes S-XL	ORDER #	PRICE	EXTRA SIZE FEE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Short Sleeve-Button Down	88194	\$36.00				
Long Sleeve-Button Down	88193	\$38.00				

EXTRA SIZE FEE: 2XL- add \$2.50 per shirt; 3XL-add \$3.50 per shirt; 4XL-add \$4.50 per shirt; 5XL-add \$5.50 per shirt

\*\*If you get your name on the shirt(s), *name will be in script*\*\*

Add Name & Senate #	Yes or No	\$10 per shirt

To see color—go to their website:

<https://www.4logowearables.com/cgi-bin/hw/hwb/chw-display-PLstyle.w?sr=88194&currentColor=&hwCN=153150154&hwCNCD=153150154&hwST=1>

Please make checks out to **CT JCI Senate** and mail to:

Cathy Dempsey, Senator #67625, 1124 Waterbury Road, Cheshire, CT 06410, Cell 203-910-4692,  
Email: [cadmpsy752@earthlink.net](mailto:cadmpsy752@earthlink.net)



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**Tax Deductible Donations are Welcome!**

The Connecticut JCI Senate is always looking for donations. If you would like to donate, we have many options for you: General Fund; Scholarship Fund; Forgotten Senator; or any other area you would like to designate. Remember we are a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You may also use this form to update any of your information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Senate#/FR# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to: General Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Senatorship \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ I would like a receipt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

CT JCI Senate, INC.; C/O Treasurer Jack Pasquale; 655 Los Altos; North Port, FL 34287

**The Jaycee Creed**

Written: by C. William Brownfield - 1946

**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.