

# SENATOPICS... Holiday Version

December 2021



## Updates from President Michele...

Our fearless Treasurer and Newsletter Editor asked when the next newsletter would be published. After thinking about it for a while, I decided that the Board has worked so hard they deserve a break. This "Holiday Version" is a letter from me and upcoming dates. We will return to our usual Senatopics after the New Year.

I am writing this on the Sunday of Thanksgiving Weekend. I know that this is the time that we think of the usual reasons to be thankful that might include family, health, friends, stability and so many more. I would like you to think about reasons to be thankful for the Jaycees and the JCI Senate!

How many times have you said, "it's because of the Jaycees?" or "I never would have done this or met this person if it wasn't for the Jaycees?" I would like you to think about how the Jaycees or the Senate have given you something to be thankful for. I know that I have made a career out of public speaking – and I never would have done that if I wasn't challenged to participate in a "Presidential Speak Up" program. I have met so many people and have learned so much. My life would be so different if I didn't say yes to join. What about JCI makes you thankful?

I am also very grateful for the amazing team I am working with this year and all we have accomplished so far! We are working on hosting the Fall Board 2023 and Fall Frolic. We have a forgotten senator committee. We have done socials. We have visited other states and attended Regional and National Meetings. We are on a roll!

I extend to you all a wish for a happy and healthy holiday season. I hope that everyone reading this will step up to try a new project or take on a new roll. I believe that the CT JCI Senate is really "giving 'em something to talk about!", and we have many months to go. I am so thankful for you all.

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President, CT JCI Senate

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE CT JCI SENATE?

**Forgotten Senator Committee:** Consists of Kathy Doherty, Marybeth Kaczynski, Allison Forsythe and Michele Tarantino. We have met to discuss recommended names and are currently doing our research to determine what direction to go with it!

**Hosting the Fall Board Meeting 2023:** We had a group zoom meeting to discuss options and struggles and a few people stepped up to chair different areas. There is a possible option for a hotel in Massachusetts and another in CT that may be willing to work with us. The following have stepped up to chair these different areas:

Chair – Open

Hospitality – Bonnie Blaisdell, Chair & Fran Kass

Bar – Jeff Kass

Donations – Kathy Doherty

Chair Program Book – Open Region Ad Promotion – Open

Registration – Sue Zetoff

Tours/Transportation – Bill Potuchek

Tourism/Hotel RFP Contact – Nancy Gianetti

Finance/Treasurer – Jack Pasquale

**Our next meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via zoom.**

**Holiday Party:** Our holiday party will be on December 12, 2021, at the Wood 'n Tap in Southington, CT. Please arrive for 1pm. You will be able to order your meal/drinks from the menu. We will have a short meeting as well as an optional \$15 Yankee Swap. Please RSVP to Michele at 203-228-7461 or [cheleot@yahoo.com](mailto:cheleot@yahoo.com)

**Attendance at Regional/National Events:** CT has had impressive attendance in Kansas and even larger turn out at Fall Frolic!

We have a good group of CT Senators attending the Winter meeting in Melbourne, Florida January 20-23, 2022. There hotel is full but there is another hotel nearby if you would like to go. There are no excursions on this trip.

MAI is being hosted by the Pennsylvania JCI Senate March 31, 2022 at the Red Lion Harrisburg/Hershey.

The **year-end meeting will be in Louisville, Kentucky** from June 26 – July 2. There will be a 50 year anniversary celebration dinner on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Reserve your room ASAP.

**Scholarships:** As you may have heard, the National JCI Senate has opened up the scholarships to those applying to vocational schools and will accept 2 traditional applications and 1 vocational application. CT only has a budget for 2 scholarships, so we will be looking at our funds to determine what we can give out. Cathy Dempsey has had several volunteers to judge. Please contact her if you have any questions or want to help!

**Year-End Celebration:** We are planning a dinner/awards ceremony on May 14, 2022. The Southington chapter will be giving out some Senatorships. We would like to remember some Senators we lost. We may have a Forgotten Senatorship to give out as well. We will have a keynote speaker and the hope is to have a great turn-out and reunion. If anyone would like to help President Michele organize this event please give her a call!

**Other Upcoming events:**

We have a winery social scheduled for February

Ax throwing event not yet scheduled

*CT Winter meeting will be on March 19, 2022, with a plan to have a pot-luck. Who has a place to hold it?*

We may do a spring hike since the fall trip was a big success.

Sandy suggested a night doing sign painting at “Words on Wood

We may do a self defense class if interested.

What other events would you like to see?



**Happy  
Holidays!**