

# Flamingo Flyer



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## The Flamingo Kid

Greetings to all Flock Members, hope this is finding all well. Since this is the last issue of the profound Flamingo Flyer, I would like to take a second to thank every single one of the membership. From being at events, putting on events, keeping the membership informed of different things, to simply keeping your membership up to date by paying your dues or your life memberships. With the addition of some new members this year, we only grow stronger as a state with each one. These acts have made this a very special year for me and the memories will be with me forever.

It has been quite an honor for me to serve as the MOJCI Senate President. It has opened up opportunities for me to meet new people and make new friends from all over the country. After talking with some of these friends, I have noticed that their respective state and ours aren't that different in many ways. Sure, we have the membership numbers some don't, we all have projects that support different things, but no matter what, hands down, the Missouri JCI Senate flock is the best in the nation. I am very proud to be able to call myself a member of such an outstanding organization. We are a huge family that stretches from all corners of our state, and for some, that's what we have.

These most recent times have been tough on us all, not being able to travel to events or to just even hang out for a few drinks and friendship. We will be back to the way we were shortly hopefully. Coming up soon, the May election meeting will be upon us. VP David Teachout has got a plan set and will be assured it will be a good time. This time last year, we traveled down to Big Prairie Jaycees for an event kicking off the "Be the Difference" motto. This year we will have an opportunity to travel down to Sikeston for the Annual Crawfish Boil and music festival. Shortly after that, many of us will be headed to year end convention in North Carolina. From there...well who knows what else will be lined up by then. Many miles and smiles to be had.

As we have shown our support for a couple of our own, Dave Delaney as Region VI VP, to Susan Hatcher as acting National Secretary, nominated and soon to be National Treasurer. Now I am asking for the same support that was given to them and myself, to be given to next years board stepping up in line. This will be a strong board with great leadership skills from top to bottom. They will accomplish great things I am sure. Please don't to forget to continue to send pictures for the website, information for the eblasts, and right now is the perfect time to be reaching out to some of the membership that have dropped off. Remind them of what we do and that we are here for them and to stay.

In closing.... YOU have been the rocks when I needed you to be. Soo many of you I could list personally, but I will save that for the year end meeting. Being said, I would again like to thank each one of our MOJCI Flocking Family for the hard work, the phone calls and emails, the pulling me to



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## The Flamingo Kid (cont.)

the side to say little things I needed to hear, to plain out saying you should be doing this right now. Our membership is the backbone of our success. I would definitely be short changing this years board for not thanking them. David, Terry, Julie, Paul... you guys are Flocking Awesome!! The opportunity and support for my presidential year will never be forgotten. The Missouri JCI Senate has without a shadow of a doubt lived up to the motto " BE THE DIFFERENCE" From the bottom of my heart, Thank You

Chris Deen 2019-2020 Flocking President

## The Vice Pinky...Rise of the Rooster



Greetings from the Bootheel. I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and safe. For those of you that are in essential businesses, like Kathy and I, please be diligent in any and all measures that will keep you safe.

We have rescheduled our May meeting, moving it to the last weekend in May. The hotel will still be the Drury Inn and Suites, in Cape Girardeau. The room rate will be the same. Deadline for the reduced rate will be the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. The itinerary will remain the same, with one added attraction. Sikeston has rescheduled, twice now, our annual Crawfish Boil. It is currently slated for the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. As of right now,

there is no change in the entertainment lineup, event starts at 2:00 and runs until midnight. This could be something some of you might want to experience and possibly gain some RTF hours. It will be held in the arena at our Rodeo Grounds.

If it appears that we will still be under "stay at home" orders thru the end of May, we will regroup again.

David Teachout

Vice-President

Missouri JCI Senate

## Flamingo Nest Egg

Hello All!

Whew what a crazy last couple of months. I hope everyone has stayed healthy, and hopefully have gotten projects done around the house that have put to the wayside. I have been off work since February 4th due to having a knee replaced. I don't go back to work until April 29th.... Needless to say, I have been through every box in my garage, re-organized ALL my drawers, and have a HUGE purge pile waiting to be donated.

The June's Members Dues list is out and I have included that list in this Newsletter. If you see a Senator from your area that is due. Please reach out to them, check on their well being. Encourage them to renew, and inform them about the Lifetime Membership option of \$250 that can be paid in increments over one year. PayPal is now a payment option found on the [www.mojicisenate.org](http://www.mojicisenate.org) website, under the Membership tab. This has made the renewal process quick and easy!



## Flamingo Nest Egg (cont.) and Birdies that are due

Hopefully we will be able to get together at the end of May. I also hope I will be able to get my hair done and fit into my jeans!!!! lolol The struggle is real!!!!

Love to you all!

Terry Rowland #67003

MO JCI Senate Treasurer

Curt Maple – 77655  
Laura McCully – 75943  
Emily Mueller – 75947  
Lindell Nickelson – 48095  
Cynthia Novak-Chaplo – 53910  
Brittie Oakley – 73637  
Matt Schaefer – 67777  
Sarah Schaefer – 58169  
Ben Skalitzky – 60460  
Matt Smith – 76844  
Rhonda Stevenson – 775945  
Stephen Swanson – 69296  
David Swearer – 59488  
Scott Tate – 67001  
Steve Tobben – 67914  
Bob Weber – 43141  
David Wilmshorst – 50583  
Brian Witte – 68535  
Pedro Zaraza - 63333



## Feathery Scribbling's

Hello Missouri Senators,

Wow what a weird and trying time so far in 2020. It started off well with a Board Retreat in St. Charles where I learned a lot and found it be very helpful. The social time we spent together was much needed as well. I just cannot believe that this year is already almost over. I know I said in my last article I said my new position was keeping me very busy and I was not sure how much I will be out and about but will try my best to get to as many things as possible. Little did we know that all of us would be quarantined and our lives would change so drastically in a matter of weeks

I am very thankful for technology so we can continue business, although not as usual. Our new normal is not something I want to do permanently but am grateful to still be employed. It's actually amazing how much I can do from home that I didn't realize was possible before. In the coming weeks I will be returning to my office with

a very limited number of essential staff and while it is necessary and challenging I am looking forward to seeing them. I know our kiddos are sad about not returning to school and Aubrie didn't get to go to NYC and probably won't be going to Europe in June we are all managing to stay positive and healthy.

That being said I hope you all are staying safe and healthy. If there is anything I can do or if you know anyone in need please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We are always looking for ways to help our community and this is just a bump that will pass. Stay safe and healthy and we will see you in Cape at the end of May.

Take care and I hope you all have a blessed day.

Julie Morff, #71917



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### Flamingo of a Different Color



Hello Fellow Senators,

This has been a challenging year for us all with this new social distancing and stay at home orders. I hope that everyone is well and ready for us to get back to work. Where it seemed like the worst time to sell and buy a house Tonya and I were lucky to get ours sold right before this all started and the stay at home has given us more time to work on the new house in getting it ready for company and Jaycee travelers as they move across the state.

Like many of you I have been stir crazy and its hard to play board games when you have to be 6 feet from the other people but Tonya and I actually managed to play a game with her cousins who live in California over Zoom. Never would I have thought that possible but we are all learning new ways to interact with this new state of living in place.

Please try to keep your schedules open and free so once we get back on the can be out to visit we can get our meetings in and do lots of socials to catch up with all of our senate friends.

Please stay safe until we all can re-unite.

Paul Myers #72173  
Chairman of the Board

### Up and coming birdie

Hello Senators!

I hope everyone is getting through this masking, hand washing and Tiger King-ing quarantining time. It is with honor, and pleasure, that I announce my candidacy as your MO JCI Senate secretary. Everything I do from here on out will be some of the greatest learning adventures I will ever have. Please stay well and stay safe.

Miriam Wetter #67070



### Missouri JCI Foundation—A 501(c)3 Charitable Foundation!

It's finally done!

The foundation met at the Winter Meeting and agreed to resubmit the paperwork to become a 501C3 tax exempt organization! On March 13, 2020 we were declared such! So what does that mean to you? The foundation is qualified to receive **tax-deductible** bequests, devices, transfers under Section 2056, 2106, or 2522 of the Federal Tax Code. So when you donate \$, it is confirmed, such is **tax-deductible**! What's holding you back from donating? For \$100, you can become a member of the foundation. For \$10,000 – you can have a scholarship named after you! If you have limited monies and want to donate only \$25, we will keep the records and you can accumulate your gift to become a member over two years. You may send the monies any time to the current Treasurer.

Here's another reason to donate right away - The CARES Act passed in March of this year **allows for a \$300 above-the-line deduction** for cash charitable contributions made to 501(c)(3) organizations for taxpayers who take the **standard** deduction.

At the Winter Meeting elections were held and the following persons were elected ..

Susan Hatcher-President

Vice President MO JCI Senate – incoming (ex-officio)

Treasurer – Wendy Cox

Secretary – Carol Martin

The positions will transfer with the new Senate year – July 1, 2020

We may have a small fund raiser at the May meeting (ie., 50/50 sweepstakes so we ensure everybody has a chance to donate). Other larger donations will be accepted. We raised \$350 at the Old Kinderhook Winter Meeting with the 50/50 sweepstakes, donations, and Missouri JCI Senate donation!

Thanks again to all senators who support the Missouri JCI Senate Foundation.

Susan Hatcher #58143  
Missouri JCI Senate Foundation, Inc.  
Treasurer

### Annual Springfield Cardinals Game

August 2020

I have talked to the Springfield Cardinals and they are excited that we are still planning to come and see the ballgame in August. The Coronavirus hopefully will be just a memory and all things will be back to normal. See the flyer.

I am taking a head count first—I have reserved 35 tickets but we can get more when we need them—the earlier I know the more we are together rather than spread out.

We are doing the roost again with the ballpark food and popcorn included. Restrooms are really close for this area.

The hotel is the same and we can take over the pool area again.

Food will be decided closer to the event.

See you in August.

Mary Holden #57825

Mary Holden # 58725

### 2020 Scholarship Winners!!!

I am proud to announce our MO JCI Senate Scholarship winners for 2020, Madison Rosonske & Ethan Smith.

Madison Rosonske is going to the University of Missouri. Her major is undecided, but she is excited to find her passion. Our second winner is Ethan Smith who is undecided on what school he will attend. He is planning on majoring in Civil and Humanitarian Engineering, with the goal of providing rural communities with sustainable solutions to poverty.

We had another great year of Judges, applications and fun! Thank you to Earl Sawyer #28243, for opening & allowing us to judge at the JCI Headquarters, fabulous judges Mary Sawyer #43930, Karen O' Hearn #52200, Barb Pellikaan #57247, Boni Hart #59553, Ed Hart #28991, Carol Martin #43922, and Susan Hatcher #58143.

Thanks also to all the members of the MO JCI Senate whose hard work and dedication make these scholarships possible.

Yours in Jaycees,

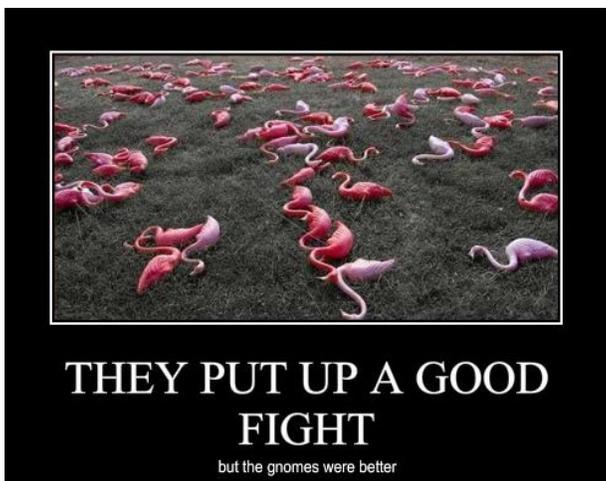
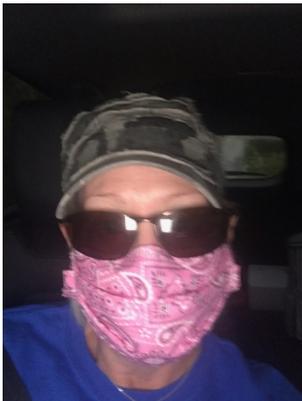
Wendy Cox, 69246

Scholarship Chairman

## Legend of the Flamingo

There is a legend that when a Flamingo dies it turns to flame and from the ashes is born a Phoenix. We may not have a Phoenix coming our way but we do have chickens rising from this years flamingo.

## COVID19 effect on Flamingo and Senators



David's Giant Battleship game





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## Want to insert your Feathery tale?

Do you want to submit something to this years Flamingo Flyer or get out a message to your fellow Missouri JCI Senate members?

There are multiple ways to achieve this goal. If you want to submit something to the newsletter send your articles and pictures to this year's newsletter editor and Chairman of the Board Paul Myers #72173 at [vedderjam@live.com](mailto:vedderjam@live.com).

If you want to get something blasted out send it to this years e-Blast communications director Tonya Myers #66222 at [jci66222@gmail.com](mailto:jci66222@gmail.com).

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