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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 greatest treasure lies in human personality;

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

C. William Brownfield

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

First & Foremost, I would like to say a HUGE Congratulations to Carolyn Smith #64564 for announcing her candidacy to be our next National Secretary for the 2026-2027 year. She deserves it!

Thank you all for coming out to support the AZ JCI Senate at our holiday social this last Dec. Everyone had a wonderful time and we had around 27 Senators placing wreaths on the Veterans graves for Wreaths Across America. We had a lot of Senators from out of State attend! TX, CO, NV, CA, IA & MN.

Winter Board was held in Melbourn, FL this past January. Great conference even if it was a bit chilly! However, it's always a good time to get together with fellow Senators.

Our 3rd quarter meeting was held at Mike Schmitt's #39725 home in Ahwatukee, AZ. Thank you so much for hosting & the great food.

There were 6 Senators that judged 7 Scholarships after lunch. The top 2 have been sent off to Nationals. Good Luck to those that were picked!

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CHAIRS 2025-2026

Adopt A Street & AZ JCI Senate Socials

Art Shane #27322
Cathy O'Hara Fr#77

Hospitality

Carolyn Smith #64564 LM 121

AZ JCI Senate Life Member Fund

Mike Schmitt #39725 LM 42

AZ JCI Senate Roster

Mike Schmitt #39725 LM 42

US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarships

Dianne von Borstel #55954

AZ JCI Senate Products

Phil Friedman #61455 LM 113

AZ JCI Senate Spokesman Newsletter

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US JCI Future Directions Rep Region X

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Steve Balint #43364

AZ JCI Senate Freshman

Phil Friedman #61455 LM 113

PRESIDENT'S DESK:

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The following meetings/volunteer opportunities will be coming up in 2026:

April 2026 - Adopt A Street in Tempe, AZ

April 4, 2026 - Ahwatukee Easter Parade

April 16-19, 2026 - Region X Year End, Las Vegas, NV

May 9, 2026 - 4th quarter Meeting/Elections, Prescott Valley, AZ

June 15-19, 2026 - Year End in San Antonio, TX

Sept. 17-20, 2026 - Fall Board in Topeka, KS

Dec. 18-20, 2026 - AZ Holiday Social in conjunction with Wreaths Across America. We will be at the Sonesta Inn, Tempe, AZ.

If anyone would like to host a social, please contact Art Shane #27322 & Cathy O'Hara FR#77 with that information.

Thank you all to all the support I have received throughout the year. I couldn't do this without you!

ARIZONA JCI SENATE SECRETARY

Debbie Brandt #67289
LM140

AZ JCI Senate
3rd Qtr Board Meeting
February 7, 2025
Phoenix, AZ

Tanis called the meeting to order at 11:03 am at Mike Schmitt's house.

Those in attendance were:

Tanis Jimeno-Friedman #70297,
Phil Friedman #61455,
Debbie Brandt #67298,
Cindy Naylor #62479
Jim Hampshire #38626,
Dianne von Borstel #55954,
Mike Schmitt #39725,
Pat Holbert #55454,
Lowell Vahl #4031015,
Deb Vahl Fr #42,
Teddy Clarke #37167,
Corri Miller #54501,
Art Shane #27322
Cathy O'Hara FR#77
Elaine Rudolph #57086

Teddy gave the invocation and Phil led the Pledge of Allegiance

We then had a moment of silence for those JCI Senators that are no longer with us. The agenda was reviewed. Pat moved to approve, Phil & Dianne seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary report – Debbie reported that the minutes were in the Spokesman.

Pat moved and Dianne seconded to approve the

minutes as published.

Approved unanimously.

Treasurer report – Cindy presented her report.

There are 56 members due. 13 are not life members of which 6 have renewed and 7 are still outstanding. Pat moved to approve, Art seconded, and the motion to approve the treasurer's report passed unanimously.

Chairman Reports –

Adopt a Street – Art reported that the next event will be in April, date is not set yet.

Socials –

Art and Cathy reported that the virtual social is going well.

Cathy stepped up and helped out when Art was ill recently. Great Job!!!

Foundation Scholarships –

Dianne has seven applications. We will be judging them after the meeting and lunch.

Return the Favor - N/A

Life Members - Mike

reported that Angie Stanchfield is life member

#161. Bill Gertz LM #31 passed away. The life member funds are in good shape for the next 25 years unless national raises rates to \$10 then we are at break even.

Roster - Copies of the roster were distributed.

Products – See Phil for shirts, etc. The new camo shirts are available for \$35.

Freshman Senators – Phil reported that things are in the works.

Spokesman – Saturday the 14th is the due date for

articles. She sends about 86 of them via email.

Hospitality – Carolyn wasn't able to attend so no report.

Region X Future Directions

–Tanis reported that they are having long meetings but lots of good stuff is in the works. The next meeting is on President's Day.

Webmaster – Lowell had no report.

Unfinished/Old Business –

Holiday Party – 12/12-14/2025
A good time was had by all,
Winter Board 1/15-18/2026 –
Melbourne, FL, we received a
3rd place award for volunteer
hours. It was a bit chilly, but
the Region X dinner was fun.

New Business –

Easter Parade – April 4, 2026
– Lowell, Tanis, Phil, Slick
and Art usually volunteer.
This will be the 50th Annual
Parade and Mike's last
(editorial comment or so he
says)

4th Quarter/Year End meeting
– will be May 9, 2026, in
Prescott Valley
Election of Officers will be at
the Year End meeting. Dianne
is the committee chair and see
her if you would like to
replace Tanis, Cindy or I. I'll
even provide the template for
the minutes.....

Holiday Party will be Dec 18-
20, 2026, to coincide with
Wreaths across America.
Tanis will get in touch with
Sonesta and see if we can get
the same deal as last year.

National Meetings

April 16-19, 2026 – Region X
Year End at Palace Station in
Las Vegas. Registration forms
are on the table.

June 14-18, 2026 – Year end
in San Antonio, TX

September 17-20, 2026 – Fall
Board in Topeka, KS

June 20-25, 2027 – Year End
in Lancaster, PA

Good of the order –

Bylaw change – Mike had
prepared and sent out some
deletions to the Bylaws on the
number of terms an officer can
serve and the vacancy and
removal section and added a
dissolution article. Phil moved
and Pat seconded to approve
the Bylaw changes as
presented. Motion approved
unanimously.

Tanis was able to announce
Carolyn's candidacy for
Secretary at the meeting in
Melbourne.

Region X Advisor –

Phil discussed the support he
will be giving Carolyn for the
next few years. If you are
interested in a National
position, please see him.

Chairman of the Board

Comments – Dianne thanked
Mike for hosting and Tanis for
her commitment.

President Comments- Tanis
thanked everybody for coming
and Mike for hosting.

We adjourned with the Creed
at 11:42am. Elaine Rudolph
led the Creed. Time for lunch,
steaks and brats!



**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

**Cindy Naylor #62479
LM #109**

Our next dues submission is due
March 1st. There are 56 members
due with 41 being Life Members.
There are 13 members due to
National who are not Life
Members. Two members are
deceased: Jimmy Allen #62685
and Kevin Hole #65863 LM 17. I
mailed out 27 membership
renewal letters to ALL AZ JCI
Senators that received their
Senatorship in this quarter,
searching for new membership
and to renew their membership in
the AZ JCI Senate. Thank you to
Susan Allen #83228, Bob Beatty
#20038, Carole Hlavay #65583,
Arden Lauxman #41489, Lisa
Preston #82569 and John
Rudolph #80954 for renewing so
far.

As always, we are continually
looking for Ways and Means
projects to help our General
Fund.

Arizona JCI Senate Website
<http://arizona.usjcisenate.org>

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ROSTERTERRIAN

**Mike Schmitt #39725
LM #42**

Rostefarian Matters:

Sometimes we must add a Senator or two to the "Lost" list below. This quarter, **Keith F. Greenburg #44911 AZLM #094** (Deer Valley '89) and **Kenneth L. Carleton #38345** (Phoenix '85) are the additions due to their mail being returned.

It sure would be nice if we could locate the following "Lost" Senators. It's been a long time (over 10 years in some cases) that these Senators have been on this list. Perhaps some may have passed. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following, please let me know. Here is the list of "Lost" Senators that we ask your assistance in locating: **Carl W. Bienert #25891** (Yuma '78), **Donald Boggs #32141** (ASPO '82), **Gary Burger #36909, AZLM#124** (Ahwatukee '84), **Larry Butterfield #39962** (Coolidge '86), **Kenneth L. Carleton #38345** (Phoenix '85), **Phillip J. Carr #20224** (Phoenix '75), **Bert Crockett #08078** (Tempe '68), **Keith F. Greenburg #44911 AZLM #094** (Deer Valley '89), **Ken P. Hill #20095** (Mesa '75), **John Himes #21603** (Scottsdale '76), **Carl R. Johnson #29066** (Apache Junction '80), **Donald Lawson #02880**

(Tucson '61), **Gerald Milam #18139** (Phoenix '74), **Rebecca S. Polmanteer #53502** (Mesa '95), **Billy G. Purdy #53366** (Glendale '95), **Timothy J. Rethlake #46441** (Ahwatukee '90), **Dale Schwartz #6942 AZLM #63** (San Diego '67), **Allen Starr #16483** (Phoenix '73), **Debra Steele #57068, AZLM #81** (San Jose, CA, '97), **Don F. Steward #09566** (Camelback '69), **Mike Traynor #28403** (Chandler '80), **Ron L. Walker #33258** (AZ Jaycees '82), **Ed J. Wasielewski #09796** (Phoenix '69) and **Albert E. Wenger #19122** (Flagstaff '74). **(Total: 24)**. Please let me know at 480-759-0007 or e-mail msch0007@aol.com if you know the address or phone number of any of these "Lost" Senators.

BTW, if any Arizona Senator missed the last meeting and would like a hard copy of the Senate Roster, just give me a call (480-694-8525) or send an e-mail request (msch0007@aol.com) and I'll be glad to mail you a copy.

US JCI SENATE LAIASON Jim Hampshire #38626 LM #20

The last AZ Senate meeting was in Ahwatukee at Mike Schmitt's house. Region X Year End is April 17-19, 2026 in Las Vegas, NV. June 14-18, 2026 is JCI Year End meeting in San Antonio, TX. Fall 2026 BOD September 17-20, 2026 is in Topeka, KS. June 20-25, 2027 JCI Year End meeting in Lancaster, PA. Think about joining the US JCI Senate Foundation. Keep your dues up to date, that way you will keep up to date with the latest information. Registration forms for upcoming meetings of the US JCI Senate can be found on the US JCI Senate Web site. Keep watching for AZ Senate Socials that Art Shane and Cathy O'Hara have going from time to time in AZ. Chairman of Adopt-A-Street Art Shane will let us know about next one. Art Shane has web social e-mail going out last Friday of each month, send him what you are doing in your life. Mike Schmitt is on look-out for new Life Member you can be next with number 162. April 4th, 2026 is Ahwatukee Easter Prade, Mike is looking for help with this. Keep the loved one in your life close at all times of the year.

LIFE MEMBERS

Mike Schmitt #39725
LM #42

LIFE MEMBER NEWS:

Life Member Passes:

Sadly, Bill F. Gertz #28910 and AZ Senate Life Member #031, passed away October 4, 2025. He received his Senatorship from the Tri-City Jaycees in 1980. Bill's brother, Dennis Gertz, (#34951, Tri-City '83), relayed the information to us.

New Life Member:

Angie Stanchfield #64531 is AZ Senate's new Life Member #161. She lives in San Antonio, TX, and received her Senatorship from the Kent, WA, Jaycees in 2004. Welcome Angie!

Life Member Report:

As reported at the February Quarterly meeting, the Life Member CD was rolled over in June for 13 months at 3.0%. We are in compliance with the By-Laws and have sufficient CD funds to pay USJCI annual dues for the next 25 years for the 98 living life members.

Next Available Life Member: #162

"It's up to you to become #162" and skip any future dues letters by sending your \$275 check made out to AZ USJCI Senate, PO Box 50713, Phoenix, AZ 85076

***** If you need a registration form for upcoming conventions, look on US JCI Senate website *****

US JCI SENATE CONVENTIONS

Region X Meeting Las Vegas, NV April 16-19, 2026

Full Reg due by 3/20 \$99.00
Late \$109.00

Hotel:

Palace Station Hotel and Casino
2411 West Sahara Avenue
Las Vegas, NV
\$55.00 + Taxes on 4/16
\$135.00 + Taxes 4/17 & 4/18
Phone: (702) 367-2411
Group Code: PCUCIS-Nevada
JCI Senate

US JCI Senate National Meeting San Antonio, TX June 14-18, 2026

Full Reg due by 12/31 \$170.00
Late \$185.00
On Site \$200.00

Hotel:

Westin San Antonio North
9821 Colonnade Blvd
San Antonio TX, 78230
\$160.00 + Taxes
Phone: (844) 886-4304
Group Code: Texas JCI Senate
2026

US JCI Senate Fall BOD Topeka, KS September 17-20, 2026

Full Reg due by 8/17...\$95.00
Late \$110.00
On Site \$125.00

Hotel:

Ramada by Wyndham
Downtown Hotel &
Convention
420 SE 6th Avenue
Topeka, Kansas
\$119.00 + Taxes

Phone: (785) 234-5400
Group Code: 091526KSJ

ADOPT A STREET & SOCIALS

Art Shane #27322 &
Cathy O'Hara FR #77

ADOPT-A-STREET

We have been doing this since 1995! Cleaning up Rio Salado has certainly changed over the years, parts of street did not have lights, curbs, gutters or sidewalks and the stuff that people threw out of their car windows was sometimes really weird. Probably because it seemed like it was out of the city?? We will be doing it again in April. Don't know the dates yet but we will send out reminders a week or two in advance.

VIRTUAL SOCIALS

We dreamed this up during the pandemic since we were not able to actually meet. And we kind of expected that the interest (contributions) would diminish over time but they keep coming, so we keep sending. We will remind you a few days beforehand and bundle whatever we get together and email it back out to you on the last Saturday of the month. If you are not involved and would like to be, send us a message at aashane@aol.com but you have to contribute to keep getting it, fair is fair.

**AZ JCI SENATE
PRODUCTS
FRESHMAN SENATOR
CHAIR
AZ JCI SENATE ADVISOR
Phil Friedman #61455
LM113**

Products:

Hey!

Have you gotten your AZ JCI Senate shirt yet? How about a ball cap or blue digital Camo shirts?? Well, this and other stuff is available! Just look me up and I'll hook you up!!

Freshman Senators!!

Hello,

In the years I have been a Jaycee and a Senator, I have always been passionate about individuals getting credit where credit is deserved. Recognition for efforts and accomplishments in the Jaycee organization. The highest honor bestowed on a Jaycee is a Senatorship. Is there a past Jaycee that hasn't- but should be recognized? See me, I'll help you with the application process!

Advisor Comments:

Fellow Senators,
Sometimes, opportunities come when you least expect it. Several years ago, I became the Advisor for your AZ JCI Senate. I am blessed & grateful for the opportunity to serve. Then, a few years ago I was asked to be Co-Chair of Region X. I am thankful for the chance to serve. My goal is clear: look out for the AZ JCI Senate and for the Region. It is

an honor to wholeheartedly support one of our own, Carolyn Smith #64564 to be the candidate for the 2026-2027 US JCI Senate National Secretary.

REGION X



"WHERE THE SUN SHINES LONGER"

**Chairman of the Board
Dianne von Borstel
#55954**

Hello Everyone,

I am your Election committee chair for the 2026-27 Senate year (I forgot to ask at the last meeting but if you would like to be a part of the committee, please call or send me a message). We will elect a President, Treasurer, and Secretary during our Annual meeting in May (Prescott). Below is some information about each office (summarized from our by-laws), if this is of interest to you or if you have any questions, please let me know.

The **President** is the Arizona JCI Senate representative at all functions and presides at regularly scheduled meetings. The President is the spokesman of the organization, and ex-

officio member of all committees, and is required to attend Fall and Annual meetings.

The **Treasurer** shall prepare, attach payments (if required) and submit in a timely manner all required Federal and State tax returns and Arizona Corporation Commission Annual Report & Certificate of Disclosure. The Treasurer also bills and collects dues, keeps accurate books and financial records, be responsible for the Arizona JCI Senate's checking and saving accounts.

The **Secretary** shall assume the President's duties and responsibilities when the President cannot be present at a regularly scheduled meeting or other function. The Secretary also takes and publishes the minutes of each general membership, Annual, Board of Directors, and Executive meetings.

Please note that traveling to the US JCI Senate National meetings is encouraged, but it is by no means mandatory to hold an elected office in Arizona.



Region X 2025 - 2026

Annual Region Meeting Las Vegas, NV April 16 – 19, 2026



Name: _____ Senate/Friendship#: _____
 Spouse/Guest: _____ Senate/Friendship#: _____
 Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____
 Rooming With _____

Item	QTY	PAID Before March 20 ,2026		TOTAL
Full Registration		\$99		\$
Includes Thursday Hospitality, Friday evening Meet and Greet, Saturday Breakfast, Hospitality and evening Banquet.				
Late Registration		\$109		
			Grand Total	

Checks payable to: Nevada JCI Senate Mail To: c/o Jeff Margolin, 3131 High View, Henderson, NV 89014.

If you wish to pay with VENMO, Denise LyonsConrad will collect those registrations and forward to Jeff.

VENMO payment to: @Denise-LyonsConrad-1 and email registration form to: Jeffmargolin@cox.net

HOTEL INFORMATION

Palace Station Hotel and Casino
2411 W Sahara Ave

Las Vegas Nevada Rates, 4/16 \$55, 4/17-18 \$135 per night.

Room Block Code is PCIJCIS – Nevada JCI Senate

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel – 702 367-2411

If you have issues booking your room or have questions contact VP Steve Balint at steelerpilot@gmail.com or 775 513-1084

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 4, 2026	Ahwatukee Easter Parade.....Ahwatukee, AZ
Apr 16-19, 2026	Region X Year End.....Las Vegas, NV
May 9, 2026	AZ Senate Meeting.....Prescott, AZ
June 14-18,2026	Year End Convention.....San Antonio, TX
Sept 17-20, 2026	JCI Fall BOD.....Topeka, KS
June 20-25, 2027	Year End Convention.....Lancaster, PA

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