

Virginia JCI Senate Newsletter



Presidential Prose

Hello Virginia Senators!

Happy 2020! We've had a F.U.N. and busy few months with our fall meeting in Farmville and Holiday Party in Centreville. Thank you to all the Senators who were able to attend these F.U.N. events!

It was "Pure Magic" for Virginia Senators Kathleen King #68704, Jacqueline Camlet #67098 and I when we attended the 2019 JCI World Congress in Tallinn, Estonia in November. In addition to fellowship with other US JCI Senators, we also had the opportunity to network with JCI Senators from around the world. Interested in attending the 2020 JCI World Congress in Yokohama, Japan? Visit <https://jci.cc/en/events/jci/2020-jci-world-congress-in-yokohama-japan> for more information.

The US JCI Senate meeting in Melbourne, Florida was attended by an enthusiastic group of Virginia Senators. We were excited to be supporting our very own Virginia Senators running for

national office in 2020-2021, Ariel Jones #65423 for the office of US JCI Senate President and Alan Richardson #50550 for the office of Region III National Vice-President. I encourage everyone to please join us in Greensboro, North Carolina, June 21st-25th for the National Year-End meeting.

Thank you to all Senators for continuing to support the Virginia JCI Senate and US JCI Senate with your annual dues. As an active member of the Virginia JCI Senate and the US JCI Senate, you will be a contributing supporter of the Virginia Senate Scholarships, the Virginia Jaycees, US JCI Senate Scholarship Fund, US JCI Senate Foundation and much more. We need you!

Please join us at our winter state meeting in Virginia Beach, the weekend of February 14-16th. In addition to our Dutch treat social on Friday night, business meeting on

Saturday afternoon and banquet on Saturday evening, the much awaited and highly anticipated Martini Mix-Off will be held after the banquet. We look forward to an exciting weekend with our fellow Senators and Jaycees from throughout the state. Please visit our website www.vajcisenate.org for details of all upcoming events.

Thank you Senators and I look forward to seeing you soon at our next F.U.N. event!

Best Regards,

Sabitha Venkatesh
#71858

President, Virginia JCI Senate
2019-2020



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Immediate right: JCI World Congress, Tallinn, Estonia. (L to R) President Sabitha, Jacqueline Camlet, and Kathleen King.

Far right: (L to R) President Sabitha, Region III NVP John Cotter, DC JCI Senate President Vanessa Kinsley, and MD JCI Senate President Jennifer Ray.





Voice of the Vice President

Happy New Year Senators!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with friends and family and food. I started with friends and food at the Senate holiday party. Those not in attendance missed a good time. The Kings were excellent hosts and our friends from Maryland traveled down for the festivities. Dirty Santa wasn't so dirty this year, but a few items were stolen several times. Thanks to everyone that came out. Special thank you goes to Sean, Rooms, Reservations and Outings, for being the point person for the party and providing some tasty brisket.

With the beginning of the year, we are half way through but not done Celebrating F.U.N. We still have much Fellowship, Unity and Networking left to do. Many will be traveling to Melbourne, FL for the National JCI Senate Winter Meeting. This will be my first meeting and I'm pretty excited about attending. More F.U.N. can be found over Valentine's weekend in Virginia Beach for the Jaycees Year End Meeting. We are having quite a few national guests that attend because of the trash talking extravaganza known as our annual Martini Mix -Off. This is always a fun and well attended

event. I hope to see as many of you as the suite will hold.

2019 was tough for our Senate family. We will continue to remember those that have been ill and the families of those that have passed on. Please continue to let us know when events happen so we can send them well wishes.

Thanks for all each of you do for our Senate family. See you in soon!

All about the F.U.N. !

VP Jackie
#74251



Your Director-at-Large Dishes...

Hello Senators!

To quote Barbara Walters, "This is 20/20!" Welcome to a new year! Our next opportunity for F.U.N. is the Winter Board meeting in Virginia Beach, February 14-16. Please register as soon as possible. Hotel and registration details can be found on our website at

<http://www.vajcisenate.org/home.html>.

I sincerely appreciate everyone who traveled to our neighbors' state events and took group photos for the Greensboro Trail program. Your enthusiasm and support was awesome. A VA JCI Senate photo was one of

the Top 3 Greensboro Trail pictures included in the December issue of the Mentors Magazine!! (see p. 42) Way to go, Virginia Senators!

Look forward to seeing you at the oceanfront!

Jennifer Rebbly, #75071
Director-at-Large



Chatter from Your Communications Director

Hello Fellow Senators,

As your Communications team of Dawana Harris-Bey (newsletter guru), Paul Showalter (master webmaster), and myself continue to support President Sabitha and the rest of the executive team to pull off the best F.U.N. year we can, we are also always searching for opportunities to connect the Virginia Senate family.

One way that we've been doing that is by *spotlighting* recent Senators so that the whole membership can get know the wonderful people joining our organization. In the last few months, we have spotlighted Jodi Dean # 77722, Cathy Sharp # 72271,

Chris Taylor, #75972, Amy Tenhouse # 72693, and Lee Wolfe # 73613. **If you have recommendations for specific recent Senators to spotlight, please email me, and any information you could share about the Senator would also be very helpful.**

At the same time, we know all members are important so we also want to share more about some of our veteran members to the Senate family. To that end we have posted features about members such as Dan Benka #41176, Kay Faries #70346, Assistant Treasurer Jack Ferry #76561, National AVP Ariel Jones #65423, Director at Large Jennifer Rebbly #75071, and President Sabitha #71858. **If there's a**

Senator whom you think has an interesting story to share with the rest of us or who deserves a shout-out (maybe because they're always too humble to put themselves out), drop me a line.

Finally, if you have any news, stories, photos, or suggestions to share – anytime- please email Dawana, Paul, or me (at lcheng1010@gmail.com or find me on Facebook). Here's to Celebrating a F.U.N. 2020 with everyone!



Lillian Cheng
#72962
Communications Director



Senate Holiday party

Region III National Vice President

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through our Senate year. As always, the summer and fall months have been busy ones for Region III, and the Virginia Senate's pursuit this year of Fun, Unity and Networking has been in full display.

The Virginia Senate and Jaycees Fall Meeting in Farmville was terrific. It was great to see Senators working with and mentoring Jaycees. The First Timers' program was really entertaining because of some new ideas that Lillian Chang came up with such as videoing the pantomime of a line in the Jaycee Creed. The luncheon featured a terrific speaker who, as a bonus, joined the Jaycees on the spot. It was all a lot of fun and Pam and I were happy to be a part of it all.

The Virginia Senate Holiday Party was also a lot of fun. It was well attended and there was also a good contingent of Maryland Senators. As always, the food was delicious, and the company was great.

The Virginia Senate excels when it comes to hospitality, comradery, and a legacy of excellence in leadership.

Region III has definitely been on the move. Several Region III Senators hit the trail earlier this year when they attended the **Bourbon Bash** in KY. We were also out in force when we attended the **Florida 50th Anniversary** this past November in Tampa, FL. Several of us plan on attending the **Region VII Mini National Convention** in Pigeon Forge TN. Then it will be off to the **Region IV Calabash Meeting** from April 23rd – 26th. If you like to travel and enjoy having a great time here please consider joining us.



There was a little more business than usual at the US JCI Senate Fall Meeting in Melbourne, FL. The proposal to increase dues to the national organization from \$5.00 to \$7.00 passed. All of Region III supported the increase.

While that vote was important far more significant announcements were made. First, Alan Richardson announced his candidacy for Region III National Vice President. Alan will do a great job representing our region. Second, the amazing Ariel Jones announced her intention to run for U.S. JCI Senate National President. Nothing energizes a state more than having a National President from your own state, particularly when it is, well.... absolutely amazing!!! Region III has so much to look forward to.

As excited as we may be about next year, we have some wonderful events to look forward to this year.

The Year End & Outstanding Young West Virginia Winter Convention

February 7th – 9th in Triadelphia, WV

The Virginia Senate / Jaycees Winter Meeting

February 14th -16th in Virginia Beach, VA

Here is an opportunity to conduct a little business and get together with friends. It will also feature, of course, the Martini Shake Off.

The MD 40th Anniversary Celebration and Bull and Oyster Roast

March 7th in Timonium, MD

M.A.I.

April 2nd - 5th in Jamestown, NY.

US JCI Senate National Convention

June 21st - 26th in Greensboro, NC.

If you are planning on attending any of these events it is always a good idea to make your hotel reservations early so that you will not have to stay in an overflow hotel. I am looking forward to seeing you at many of these events.

Sincerely,

John Cotter, #41511
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“Proud to be From Region III”

VA JCI Senate Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2019

VIRGINIA JCI SENATE FALL ANNUAL MEETING

DEAN'S CONFERENCE RM,
RUFFNER HALL
LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY

FARMVILLE, VA

OCTOBER 26, 2019

President Sabitha called the meeting to order at 2:01pm. The Invocation was given by Lee Wolfe. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all Veterans.

Approval of Agenda: Art Eisenburg made a motion that the Agenda be approved. Second by Sharon Showalter. All were in favor.

Approval of Minutes from July Meeting: The meeting minutes from the July meeting had been sent out in the newsletter. Special thank you to Jennifer Rebbly for taking the minutes in July. Motion by Dan Banka to approve as presented. Second by Alan Richardson. All were in favor.

Recognition of Guests: Anne Johnson introduced the following guests: John and Pat Cotter – Regional III National Vice-President; Kathleen King – Mentor Editor; and Elizabeth Banka.

Officer & Director Reports: Vice President Jackie Julien called for the following reports:

Hospitality: Kathleen King reported that a short program last night and snacks. Will have more in February.

Bar: Jacqueline Camlet reported we had a bar and we will have a bar in February.

Rooms, Reservations &

Outings: Sean Murphy handed out Holiday flyers. The Holiday party will be on Dec 7th at the King's house. Email Sean to let him know what you are bringing that evening.

Communications: Lillian Cheng stated that we have communications and will continue to have them. Lillian asked for people to fill out a survey and turn it into her by the end of the meeting. Thanks Jackie and Dawana for the work done on the newsletter. Thank you Paul for keeping up the webpage and uploading pictures that are taken.

Director-at-Large: Read by Jackie on behalf of Jennifer Rebbly. Updated information on what she's been doing. Send Jen pictures to her when 3 or more Senators attend out of state events. Check with her for the guidelines if needed.

Region III NVP John Cotter: It has been great to see Senators work with Jaycees this weekend. Update on the meeting in Kansas City – Was brought up to have a dues increase from \$5 to \$7. More information will be coming out in the Mentors magazine and voting on it in Melbourne in January. Jamestown for MAI in upstate New York. Make room reservations ASAP. National Convention in Greensboro, NC. Region party booth is themed "An epic adventure". Theme will be the Untouchables. Good versus Evil.

Chairman of the Board: President Sabitha read a small report sent by COB Melissa. Melissa is starting

to look for officers for next year. Please let her know if you are interested in serving next year.

Appointed Executive Committee Team Reports:

Treasurer: Sharon Showalter reported that we have 50 people up for renewal this quarter, hoping to get everyone will renew. If you haven't paid yet, go ahead and pay today. Financial reports were handed out prior to the meeting. Been sending out Miss you letters to people who haven't been renewing and haven't been seen in a while. Asked for a motion to move funds to cover the cost of items. Peggy motion to give authority to the finance committee to move funds from Summer Outing to cover postage and other things as needed. Seconded by Chris Williamson. Some discussion. All were in favor.

Secretary: Lin Martin stated that minutes are being taken and will be posted in the next newsletter.

Products: Lee Wolfe reported that links to products will be posted to the website so people can see what's available. Email her at lee@elevenwest.com with questions or to place on order.

Liaison: President Sabitha reported that Lisa has been working hard the chapters and others to help present Senatorships to deserving individuals.

First Timers: Lillian Cheng reported that they are trying some new things with First timers. Doing some electronic and some

signatures. Had 3 participants at the meeting this weekend. Yeti mug was the prize for the winner. Will be collecting pictures from this weekend and posting them.

Return the Favor Program: President Sabitha reported for Chris Taylor. Asked NVP John Cotter to present Lee Wolfe her Return the Favor certificate for the first quarter. Lee was the number one person recognized out of the three Return the Favor Program certificates presented.

Sergeants at Arms: Sam did a great job keeping everyone in line last night.

Historians: Dan Benka and Jerry Sproles opened up the floor to questions about history of the Virginia Jaycees.

Committees:

Finance: Sharon Showalter announced that the Finance Committee met early this morning, conducted business, made good decisions, more to come

Good of the Senate: Alan Richardson reported that they met last night and issues have been brought forward to at this meeting.

Old Business

USJCI Fall Meeting, Kansas City: NVP John Cotter reported about a By-law change that if you are a member of two states, you can only vote for one time. Kathleen King was recognized for her work for the Mentors magazine. Lee Wolfe was recognized. Answered questions regarding the proposed dues increase. Dan and Elizabeth were awarded a platinum award each.

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New Business:

VAJCI Feb 2020 Meeting, VA

Beach: Kathleen King

announced that the meeting will be held Feb 14 – 16, 2020 at the Holiday Inn North Shore. More information will be forthcoming as soon as it's available. Room rates will be \$99 per night. Encouraged people to pay the minimum registration to help cover the costs of the meetings. Registration form should be out in the next 30 days.

Virginia Life Member Association/VAJCI Senate

Meeting: Joyce Cooke announced that they joint meeting will be held May 1 – 3, 2020 at Mountain Lake Lodge in Pembroke, VA. Contact Lee Wolfe and Lin Martin to make your reservations or if you have questions. Minimum registration will be \$40 for adults and \$25 for children.

National Office Candidacy

Approval: Anne Johnson

presented the following nominations:

Alan Richardson for 2020-21 US JCI Senate Region 3 NVP:

Kay Faries gave a nomination speech. Elizabeth Banka gave the second. All were in favor. Alan said a few words.

Ariel Jones for 2020-21 US

JCI Senate President: Paul Showalter gave the nomination speech. Chris Williamson gave the second speech. All were in favor. Ariel said a few words via skype.

USJCI Mid-Year Meeting,

Melbourne, FL: Kay Faries reported that Alan and Ariel will be announcing at this meeting. Jan 23 – 26, 2020. Registration forms are available. Will be hosting an event while the meeting is happening.

Campaign 2020: Anne Johnson and Kathleen King stated that the campaign will start in Melbourne, FL on January 25th to the annual

meeting in Greensboro, NC. Looking for volunteers to help out with the campaign for Ariel. The committees are travel, fundraising events, general campaign tasks, will need 12 nice baskets for winter board meeting for a fundraiser. Kathleen will be creating 2 Whatsapp groups on with campaign alerts and one for Malbourne attendees.

2021 National Convention:

Kathleen King reported that the meeting will be held in Virginia Beach at the Founders Inn and Spa. The motion was to give Kathleen authority to sign contracts and other relevant documents on behalf of the Virginia JCI Senate. Alan Richardson approved the motion, Dan Banka second. All were in favor.

Presidential Raffle: Was led by Peggy McHugh.

Foundation Raffle: The raffle was held.

NVP John announced March 7th, Maryland will be having its 40th anniversary celebration. Info on the Region III website and Facebook page.

President's Remarks:

President Sabitha thanked everyone for coming and people for helping with everything with this weekend. And others for doing a lot of things for the Senate this weekend.

The meeting was adjourned with the Jaycee Creed led by Region III NVP Nominee, Alan Richardson.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Group picture taken after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Martin

Secretary
Virginia JCI Senate
2019-2020



Celebrating
**FELLOWSHIP
UNITY
NETWORKING**
2019-2020

Chairman of the Board

Hello my dear Senate friends! It is February and time for another meeting and get together! This is the time of the year where everyone starts thinking about their accomplishments for the current year and what you might want to do in the new year. Our Senate year officially begins on July 1, but we will elect our new officers at our May meeting.

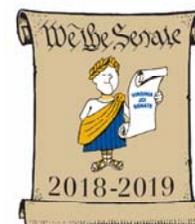
So, Hear Ye, Hear Ye!, we have had FUN, but now it's time to think about 2020-2021! If you are interested in a position for the coming year, elected or appointed, please contact me by text or phone, 804-986-3246, or by email, mhseagle@verizon.net, and I will help to form the

new slate with President Sabitha and Vice President Jackie.

Thank you for your consideration. Your humble Chairman of the Board,

Melissa

Melissa H. Sleeth
2019-2020 Virginia JCI Senate
Chairman of the Board



Return the Favor Chairman

Congratulations to Lee Wolf for winning the Fall Return the Favor Award! Thank you for everything you do to support your local Jaycee chapters! One of the most important missions of the JCI Senate is to give back to the Jaycee chapters. They may need advice on how to run a project or just help with manpower, and of course, membership referrals are the gift that keeps on giving!

If you know of a chapter that

needs help, let me know so I can get the word out.

Don't forget to nominate a fellow senator for all the great things that they are doing to help their local chapters. Send me the nomination form along with an additional statement from the local chapter supporting the nomination and I will submit them to the National Chair. The next national deadline is June 1.

Have a great remainder of the winter!

Chris Taylor
#75972



Candidacy Announcement: US JCI Region III NVP

At the November 2019 Senate Meeting, I was honored to have Kay Faries #70346 and for Elizabeth Benka #47053 to nominate and second my candidacy for Region III National Vice President for the US JCI Senate. I received my Senatorship in 1992, the year that I served as the Virginia Jaycees 59th President....both an honor that I will always cherish. I found a home in the Senate once I completed my Jaycee career, a home that remains intact today. I have been an active Senator since 1992, giving back to the Jaycees when asked to serve. I served the Virginia JCI Senate as B&B Bash Director, Vice President and President in 2001, the year that our country was hit by terrorists in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. I have made many lifelong friends in not only the Virginia Senate but throughout the US. My most recent role in the Senate was serving as chair of MAI 2019 where we

Expected the Unexpected. Chairing that event provided me with the impetus to make the decision to "throw my hat into the ring" and ask for the support of the Virginia JCI Senate to run for NVP. I hope to continue the tradition of Virginia Senators who have served as Region III NVP and made Virginia proud. I asked for support at the November meeting and ask for your support now. I promise not to let you down!

In the Spirit of the Senate,

Alan Richardson,
#50550
Past President, 2001



CANDIDATE FOR US JCI SENATE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

My fellow Virginia JCI Senators,

I am so excited to represent the Great Commonwealth of Virginia as a candidate for the 49th President of the US JCI Senate. A big thank you to Paul Showalter #65156 from my home chapter Arlington (and the one who recruited me) and Chris Williamson #57020, (who has been one of my closest and dearest friends and National traveling partner the last two years) for your nominations at our November meeting in Farmville. I offer you my deepest gratitude for your overwhelming support in approving those said nominations for the highest office in our US JCI Senate National organization.



It means so much to be accepted and honored with approval from my Virginia Senate peers. I am humbled and grateful. Our President, Sabitha Venkatesh #71858 did an outstanding job in her glowing announcement of the candidacy at our National meeting in Melbourne, Florida with Virginia and Region III applauding with acceptance. It was truly a sight to see. There will be a lot more details forthcoming about the campaign so that you, as fellow Virginia Senators, will be well informed.

I will be traveling across the country from Tennessee to Kentucky to South Carolina to North Dakota to New York to Connecticut and more during the campaign speaking about various initiatives. If you are interested in traveling with me, please touch base with Kay Faries #70346. Teechme00@gmail.com for more details.

If I am elected on June 24, 2020 at the US JCI Senate National Convention in Greensboro, NC, and installed at the Inaugural Banquet on June 25, it will be the third time since the inception of the US JCI Senate that a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia has been given this honor. What an homage of respect it will be to walk along the paths set forward by the USJCI Senate 2nd President, Bob Lindholm #7792 (1973-1974) and the 25th President, Frank Butler, Sr. #15132 (1996-1997).

Again - it is indeed an honor and a privilege to be given this extraordinary opportunity since becoming an active Senator in 2004. I continue to ask for the unwavering support that you have given me for Virginia and National leadership positions. I promise that I will not disappoint you.

In true Jaycee and Senate spirit with appreciation and heartfelt love,

Ariel
arieljone@aol.com



**MAI 2020 ANNUAL MEETING - APRIL 2-5, 2020
 HOSTED BY THE NEW YORK JCI SENATE
 DOUBLETREE HILTON
 150 W. 4th Street, Jamestown, NY 14701**



Name:	Senate #	
Spouse/Friend	Senate/Friendship #	
Address:	City/State	Zip
Email Address:	Phone:	

Estimated Time of Arrival _____

Full Registration Includes: Daily Breakfast Buffet
 Thursday: Hospitality and Dinner - 7:30-8:30
 Friday Hospitality and Lunch – Noon-1
 Saturday Hospitality and Banquet - 6:00PM

		Early Registration Postmarked by Feb. 15, 2020	Regular Registration Postmarked by March 6, 2020	On Site Registration	
	Quantity	Cost	Cost	Cost	Total
Full Registration		\$100	\$110	\$115	
Thursday Hospitality		\$20	\$25	\$30	
Friday Hospitality		\$25	\$30	\$35	
Saturday Hospitality		\$25	\$30	\$35	
Saturday Banquet		\$40	\$45	\$50	
TOTAL					

Banquet choice: Beef ____ Chicken ____ Vegetarian ____

Questions regarding the conference can be sent to: NYMAI2020@gmail.com
 Or call Roxie at 716-680-1992, Karen at 716-969-0558 or Perk 716-785-7105

Mail completed registration form with check made out to: NYS JCI MAI 2020 to:
 Roxanne Astry #57298
 PO Box 286
 Cassadaga, NY 14718

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: DOUBLETREE HILTON, 716-488-7227, Please reference group: **NY State JCI Senate** when making reservation. Cost is \$129 per night plus tax. Room rates available March 31-April 7th.
NOTE: There is a \$25 per night fee for booking outside of the MAI hotel room.

Chaplain

A new year, a new decade. Did you make any resolutions? Sometimes resolutions are overrated, but sometimes they can be life-changing!

A couple years ago I resolved to stop watching the news, and my whole mood changed for the entire year. I never realized how much the negativity that's always so much more pronounced by the media affected my daily way of life until I gave it up. So, ever since, each year I try to think about what's been the most irritating thing that bothered me throughout the past 365 days, and that's what I choose to change in the new year.

Our good friend Joyce Cooke has a wonderful resolution she posted on Facebook recently: My resolution for 2020! "You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's

really no limit to what you can do!" —Dr. Seuss

Cheers friends and family to a year of trying new things and no limits to our abilities! I like this resolution. Mike and I both agreed that 2020 was going to bring both of us a multitude of various opportunities, which will be new and wild and educational and inspirational. We're headed into the new year with the attitude that if it's time to live a little and let the very-day stresses of our routine stop controlling us. If we find a new adventure and we have the means to follow through with whatever that adventure is, by George, we're going for it!

Let's also make a New Year's resolution that if our local chapters and all of those still involved with the Virginia Jaycees reach out, we'll

answer the call and jump into action. Heck, we don't even have to wait for the call. Go to them, offer help, and you'll almost immediately see that they won't turn you down, I guarantee it. After all, that's what we're here for, right? We, as Senators, resolved - and not at the beginning of a new year - to give back, "Return the Favor," right? So, let's make the New Year a prosperous one for the Jaycees membership by doing all we can to help them grow, strive, and do more in 2020!

God Bless!

Loez Wolfe

73613



Treasurer

Hello Fellow Senators,

In December we renewed 47 members and reactivated 4 members, which brought us to +1 for the quarter. In early January, Assistant Treasurer Jack and I will mail our second installment of "Miss You" letters where we reach out to our "inactive" members and encourage them to renew their membership and reconnect with their fellow Senators. We also have several Senators in our roster with no known address - if you can help us find these lost members, we could really use your help.

Watch your mail for this quarter's renewal letters

- we have 42 Senators due in February. We have two options available for renewing: you can mail a \$35 check to Jack or renew using PayPal on the membership page of our website (<http://www.vajcisenate.org/membership.html>).

We really appreciate all of you who continue to support the Senate and we look forward to a great time in Virginia Beach in February.



Sharon Showalter

#70987

Treasurer 2019-2020

A Word from your Region III US JCI Senate Foundation Rep

Senators,

We will not be holding a Foundation Auction at the February Meeting, as we will be supporting the Auction for Ariel!

We're just a little less than 2 months away from our incredible MAI Chinese and Silent Auctions!! This year we are asking for high-end items to be contributed; luggage, art decor, jewelry, tech items, wine/liquor, etc. We appreciate anything that is given, but please make sure it's usable and of value to the recipient! Remember, we want to beat last year's total of \$4200 and keep Region II/Region III's outstanding leadership in giving moving forward!

The 300-Club Tickets will be available at

MAI. For Foundation Members, please consider raising your level of giving; and, for those who haven't joined, please consider joining to help provide 30 scholarships to deserving high school seniors.

Looking forward to being with all of you. If you have any questions about the Foundation, don't hesitate to contact me.

Elizabeth Benka

Region III Representative
US JCI Senate Foundation
jci47053@hotmail.com

Presidential Sweepstakes Update

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that 2020 will be a fabulous year for you.

In just a few weeks, many of us will be in Virginia Beach for our and the Jaycees Winter Board Meeting. For our meeting on Saturday, please bring a \$5 bill for our Presidential Sweepstakes raffle. For every \$25 we collect, we will give away two raffle tickets for the Presidential raffle to be held at the Senate meeting in June in Greensboro. Many wonderful prizes will be awarded. Hopefully by this time you have also purchased the tickets you received earlier in the year – if you don't play you cannot win!

Speaking of prizes, each prize awarded in Greensboro will be valued at approximately \$100. We would like to provide at least one prize from Virginia. Do you have a gift card that you know you will not use? Are you interested in making a cash donation towards

a prize? Do you have a craft specialty that someone else would love to have? I'll be asking for ideas at the Winter Board meeting – if you would like to donate something towards a prize and will not be at the meeting, please contact me before the meeting. Smaller donations can be combined toward a larger valued prize.

Funds raised by this program go towards meeting some of the operational expenses of the USJCI Senate and help keep our annual dues low. I appreciate all of your help with this very important project!

See you at the Beach!!

Peggy McHugh
#62466



Virginia JCI Senate

Dawana L. Harris-Bey, #68527
Editor



We're on the web :

<http://www.vajcisenate.org/>