



### President Tom Hendrix

**#37317**

Greetings to our Missouri Senators:

I want to thank each of you who have participated in our activities so far this year. It has been a fabulous year and it so much fun to get out and see fellow Senators and their families. We are now entering the period of the year when we may not have as many socials as during the summer and fall but there are opportunities to get together and enjoy each other.

On December 6, we will be assisting the Southern Boone County Jaycees with a casino night for an insurance company and we raise funds for our scholarship winners. Senator Doug Bohm #58028 has agreed to coordinate the Senators who want to assist on this project. It is a fun time and it assists providing scholarships for high school seniors.

Later in December we will have our annual social in St. Louis with the Illinois JCI Senate with the Missouri-Illinois basketball game on December 20. The game starts at noon this year but there will be socializing before and after the game at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Senator Gerry Moore #26604 is

our chairman for this annual event this year.

In January, we will have our winter meeting with the Missouri Jaycees at the Lake of the Ozarks. This year the meeting will be at the Country Club Hotel and Spa. This is a great getaway weekend and as most of you know, the Jefferson City Jaycees put on a good program for that weekend.

At the beginning of February, we will have two opportunities to raise funds for two of our favorite programs. The Super Bowl will be February 1 and we will have two Super Bowl parties-one will be the Region IX party in Jefferson City chaired by Senators Missy Wilson #67918, Tim Boggs #67800 and Sandy Backes #64521; that party raises funds for Access Day at the Fair. We have been challenged to raise \$1,000.00 dollars for Access Day by Travis Bickings, Region 8 RD and Vice President elect of the Missouri Jaycees. We will have to provide Travis a keg of beer of his choice if we are not successful (and I understand he has expensive tastes in beer). If we are successful, he will provide us two 16 gallon kegs of beer. I know that we can beat that challenge and it will be fun to have Travis provide us some beer.

Senator Chuck Keithline #69496 is chairing the Region V Super Bowl party. This is our longest running fund raiser for Wonderland Camp and we have raised lots of money with this party. Please plan on attending one of the two Super Bowl parties if you are near to either of them.

For those who traveled to either the US JCI Senate Fall Board meeting in September or the Region VI meeting in October, you know what fun we can have other Senators. Many of you may not have heard or seen the news, but the Missouri Senate

was recognized for the Return the Favor effort put forward this past summer. Missouri had 41% of the hours submitted and 37% of the Senators participating. As usual, Missouri Senators are leading the way in Returning the Favor to the Jaycees. Paul Myers #72173 deserves the credit for getting the information submitted to the National Chairman.

I want to briefly mention upcoming national and regional meetings. Unfortunately many of us who might attend the Winter Board Meeting will be busy here in Missouri. We will have some Missouri Senators in Tempe, Arizona the same weekend we are having our Winter Meeting. The Annual convention will be held in Rochester, Minnesota from June 22 through June 26 with early hospitality on the evening on June 21. If you have never attended a National Meeting, this is close and the Minnesota Senate has lots of tours arranged for one to take if you so desire. One of those is even to the Mall of America. The Missouri Senate will be hosting hospitality one of the days of the meeting and Senator Donna DeLaney #55560 is heading up our program for that day.

On the weekend of April 24 and 25, the Region VI Senate will have the Spring Region Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska. Again this meeting is nearby and a great opportunity to meet Senators from other states and to enjoy fun being together. Forms for registration of the Spring Region Meeting and the Annual Convention are printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

I want to leave you with a couple of thoughts. Marcus Tullius Cicero said, "What one has, one ought to use; and whatever he does he should do with all his might." And Ovid said, "My hopes are not always realized, but I always hope." I want you to think about what

# CARPE DIEM! MISSOURI JCI

SENATE NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2014

we do each day to enjoy



## Vice President Karen O'Hearn

#52200

Hello one and all I hope you are getting ready to have a blessed holiday season with your loved ones. The Missouri Senators have been a busy group and there are a lot of activities to report on. In August we were in Sedalia supporting Access day at the fair. I will admit this was my first time down there and will be making this a regular event every year. The Senators showed up in force and just to name a few, Jackie Bax# 60590, Joe Jerkins# 55431, DeWayne # 62218 and Michelle Cartee# 71555 and to top it off we even had US JCI President Randy Young # 46420 and First Lady Deb join us. What an exciting time for everyone to be a part of this great tradition.

ourselves and being with other Senators and Jaycees. If we think about enjoying each day then we will have a better world to leave for those who come behind us.

CARPE DIEM

That same weekend was the Springfield MO Cardinals game and that was well attended. The Cardinals won and a good time was had by all. Again our US JCI President Randy and his wife attended the event. I would like to say thank you to Mary Holden# 57825 for being the gracious hostess and providing excellent accommodations for the event.

In August Jim Pendleton# 40286 hosted the Kansas City Royals Baseball game. Some of the highlights of this outing was Bobble head night, Barry Williams aka Greg Brady, sang Take me out to the Ballgame, George Brett and many other KC Royals players. There was a nice turnout for the event the ball game did go into extra innings. Thank you Jim for running this project and good luck in Florida we hope to still see you around.

In September the Missouri JCI Senate meeting was held in Jefferson City for our Fall Meeting and MO Jaycee Elections. The meeting was well attended and then we were there to support our Missouri Jaycees while they held elections. The hospitality room was well stocked thanks to Kristie # 62494 and Ernie Lea# 60650; you both do an excellent job. The Missouri Jaycees had a strong showing and they even had people do first timers.

Tom Hendrix #37317  
2014-2015 President  
Missouri JCI Senate  
[tkhendrix@embarqmail.com](mailto:tkhendrix@embarqmail.com)



October was the month where we went to Pewaukee, Wisconsin for Region 6 meeting. What a great trip this was-the leaves were turning brilliant colors and fall was in the air. Some of the highlights from this trip was in the hospitality room-there were many (and I do mean many) rounds of Left/Right/Center that had double/triple and quadruple jackpots. The meeting was very informative, regarding the next Region 6 meeting in Lincoln, NE and information about the US JCI annual meeting in Rochester, MN.

Another project near and dear to many of us is the Work weekends at Wonderland Camp. This is the time that the camp closes down for the winter and the Show me Corp and the Mule Skinners help raise more money for the camp.

The next project coming up in December is the Casino Night in Columbia, MO. This will be held on Dec. 6th. If you have a Facebook account please visit the Missouri JCI Senate page for more information.

Thank you everyone for coming out to support the projects we do and Carpe Diem.

Karen O'Hearn# 52200

MO JCI VP 2014-2015



**Treasurer Jerry Thompson  
#56957**

Hello fellow Missouri Senators! After a couple of months of feeling totally lost on how the bookkeeping of the Senate operates, I think I finally have the hang of it (with the help of my wife). I'd like to say sorry for the delay in depositing checks from the September meeting. You'll be happy to know that has now been completed.

I was happy to see many of my fellow Senators at Access Day and at the Senate baseball game in Springfield that same weekend. I enjoyed the time

we got to spend with National President Randy and his wife Deb.

Wow what a learning experience the state meeting in Jefferson City was! Having attended numerous previous Senate meetings, I found it was a totally different viewpoint from the other side of the table! I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting in January down at the Lake of the Ozarks and I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**Secretary Kristen Johnson  
#72859**

Greetings to our Senate Family! I had a great time traveling to the National meeting in Gettysburg and the Region VI meeting in Wisconsin. I'm also looking forward to the IL/MO game in December and representing Missouri in Arizona this coming January.

This is my favorite time of year. I look at it as the

Season of Giving. I'd like to share the below poem with you.

THE SEASON OF GIVING!  
When caroling children  
appear at our door  
And snowflakes embellish the  
tumbling leaves  
The spirit of spreading warm  
tidings, galore  
Resides from the walls to the  
top of the eaves  
This season for giving shall  
evermore be  
A time filled with magic,  
where wishes come true  
Enclosed in each present  
found under the tree  
A moment of joy that shall  
return to you.

Every Christmas season, we  
give from the heart  
To friends and relations we  
always hold dear  
Although we are often many  
miles apart  
The spirit of giving brings our  
loved ones near

While distance may separate,  
love still remains  
Within each wrapped  
package, we tied with a bow  
And sent to valleys, the  
mountains and plains  
To share the true meaning of  
holiday glow.

When trumpeting bells ring  
across the night sky  
And candles appear in  
seasonal displays  
We think of the ones on  
whom our lives rely  
Then, honor them in the most  
selfless of ways  
This season for giving shall  
always be praised  
As the time when good  
tidings are freely abound  
May our hearts be evermore  
awed and amazed  
By the spirit of Christmas that  
our lives have found.

Sending my love to everyone!  
Kristen Johnson #72859  
Secretary



**The Traditions Continue –  
Chairman of the Board  
Susan Hatcher  
#58143**

Happy Holiday to all the Missouri JCI Senate. I will be at the beach for the holiday season getting away from the cold.

**A Joyous Season!!!  
Newsletter Editor Lorie  
Thompson  
#69333**

Hello all! It's been a great time getting to know more senators and learning more about the Senate organizations the past few months as I both gather info for this newsletter and assist my treasurer husband in his duties! I think I need to find someone who doesn't mind last

I know it is only midway through the senate year .... It is already time to start thinking about leadership roles for the coming year ... as you get a phone call or tap on the shoulder or a blackmail threat – please consider stepping up to the plate and getting more involved! You can make the senate more fun and renew those great Jaycee friendships! More details to come in the next newsletter about the specifics about elections next May. Meanwhile if someone doesn't call you, and you want to get more involved please call Randy Johnson, Earl Sawyer or Bernard Thompson.

minute calls about formatting these things though! 😊

We had a great time at Access Day as usual, but it extended into a great weekend in Springfield at the Cardinals game. Unfortunately we missed the Royals game later that month(I was 12 and growing up in the KC area in 1985!) The state meeting in Jeff City was a lot of fun too! I look forward to all of the upcoming events including some that have

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the Missouri JCI Senate for your support in the nomination process for next year's Region VI VP position. More to come but I really appreciate support to date and more support in the future! You are the best! ☺

Again, my wish is for many blessing for you into this Holiday Season, Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all!

Happy New Year and Much Happiness in 2015.

registration forms included in this issue!

At this wonderful time of the year, I pray that all of you will take the time to love and appreciate the family and friends and more importantly, thank our Lord who sacrificed so much to send His Son in human form to die for all of our sins. May you each experience the peace and love and direction He can bring to your life!

## NOTICE

**This is a reminder that since the Missouri Jaycees are not holding a Spring Meeting, the Missouri JCI Senate will hold its own meeting. Anyone considering hosting the Missouri JCI Senate election meeting should put together a bid to be offered at our January meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks.**



### Springfield Cardinals Win

August 16, 2014

Chairman Mary Holden  
#57825

On August 16, 2014, forty two Missouri JCI Senators, friends and family attended the Springfield Cardinals game at Hammons Field. The weather was good and so was the game. Some of the Senators had been at Access Day at the Fair in Sedalia, the day before and came down to Springfield Friday night. We invaded Lamberts for Friday night meal along with President Randy Young and his lovely wife, Debbie. Of course,

### Southern Boone Casino Night to Benefit Senate Scholarships

Chairman Doug Boehm  
#58028

Historian Dave Delaney  
#41203

To all Missouri Jaycees and Senators - Past and Present,

One of the efforts of the United States Jaycees Foundation is to preserve the history of the organization and those who have made significant

there was late night visiting by the Arrowhead pool.

Saturday morning, we all went in different directions and met for lunch at Hemingway's in Bass Pro. National Vice President Lloyd Mueller and his lovely wife, Marilyn joined us for the ballgame. There was a small (quite an understatement) mixup with the ballgame tickets, but we made it work. I tried to get people to recruit for a new Springfield Jaycee chapter, but either our audience was too old or we couldn't really get their attention from the ballgame. In other words, it didn't work.

After the ballgame, we had a celebration of President Randy's birthday—the children really enjoyed his cake and President Randy surprised us with various comments and gifts. Again, this was by the Arrowhead pool. We seem to really like that pool.

Sunday morning, we visited Aunt Martha's Pancake House with National Vice President Lloyd and his wife Marilyn. We had a blast.

The Southern Boone Jaycees will be hosting a Casino night December 6 at the Hilton Inn Conference Center by Bass Pro. We need about 20 people. We need people that can deal blackjack, run Texas Hold'em table and Craps. We also need a few that can shuffle cards etc. The gambling goes from 8 – 10

contributions to its growth and development. To this end, the Foundation is striving to keep the awards listings as accurate as possible to recognize these leaders.

**The Foundation is asking that any Jaycee, past or present, that has won any of the many national individual awards to go to the Foundation website**

I hope everyone ended up having a great time and see everyone soon.

Mary Holden #57825



We can train anyone that needs to learn starting at 7 that night. We try to have everyone wear white shirts and black pants.

The Southern Boone Jaycees give the Senate money that the Senate uses to pay for the scholarships.

at <http://www.usjayceefoundation.org/awards/individual-awards-winners-search.htm> to see if your name is included in the national database of winners. These would include, but are not limited to, a Cavelli, Frost, Hamilton, Upson, Kulp, Armbruster, Brownfield and any of the other National awards

given out at each National Convention.

At this site you will be able to search the database to see if you are included and if it has correct and complete information. If you are not listed, there is a page for you to add your specific information for the year that you were honored with your award. What is needed is the Name, State, Award Year, Award Title, and your email for verification.

If you know of someone from your Jaycee chapter that was an award winner, and think that they may not be getting this email, please pass it on to them so that as many contacts as possible can be made. Also, if you or others from your chapter do not want to submit the info, please send it to me and I will submit for you. If there are past winners that you know of and don't know how to contact them, again you may send it to

me and I will submit if they cannot be contacted.

In addition, there are listings for Chapter Awards – Marks, Howard, and Whetsell (Milestone). These lists are incomplete and can be added to if you know the winners.

If you have any questions or need help in submitting information please let me know.



## New Year's Eve "NO DANCE" Ball

### MISSOURI JCI SENATE

8 PM to Midnight December 31, 2014

*In Missouri Cyberspace*

Suggested \$20 per couple or \$15 Individual

Just think, a New Year's Eve party where you don't have to worry about the weather or driving home with the slightly inebriated. It's a virtual party so you can virtually toast all your old Jaycee friends without having to brave the "elements".

Let's celebrate old and new friendships by supporting the "NO DANCE" ball. Each donation goes to the funding of the Missouri JCI Senate budget. Our budget covers many things: Fisher House, Access Day at the Fair, Wonderland Camp, scholarships for Young Missourians, communications among members, hospitality, and more.

Along with your registration we ask that you send a picture of yourself. It can be current or one from the time that you received your Senate number. The pictures will be made available for viewing at an upcoming event where we will have a small competition to see if we can correctly identify each and every Senator. It will be more fun if lots of people participate.

President Tom will lead the midnight toast on line.

Register now to get your login and password.

Send your donation and your very special picture to:

**Mary Sawyer # 43830**  
Chairman  
747 Oak Hill Lane  
Baltwin, MO 63021  
(636) 861-1847  
maryearl@swbell.net



## Chairman –National 2015

### Sharon Leppla

#### #44742

In less than 200 days the MN JCI Senate and our Region VI family will be the hosts to folks from all over the US, Canada, Europe, Mexico, & (hopefully) beyond. Yes, that may sound like a long time to some of you, but to those of us on the committee putting this spectacular event together, we realize it isn't!

We have everything for our SET SAIL FOR THE LAND OF LAKES, ICE, & MINNESOTA NICE convention well underway. It is our goal to ensure that this year-end affair will be one that Randy #46420 & Debbie FR #60 Young will remember with pride & fondness for many years to come.

One of the events that we are extremely excited about is the early hospitality hog roast. For those of us who have been to US JCI Senate National Conventions can attest, early hospitality is often minimal at best. Often getting a cold hot dog or some stale chips would be considered a treat, for \$20.00. Well, not here in Minnesota! We are offering for

the delegates who register for the entire convention, early hospitality for \$20.00 a hog roast. The Chef's at the Kahler Grand Hotel will be roasting a hog on Peace Plaza & serving it with scrumptious potato salad that includes sour cream, bacon, & scallions; luscious roasted sweet corn on the cob; baked beans; classic coleslaw; slices of fresh watermelon; cheddar cheese cornbread; and a speciality cake. The hog roast will be taking place on Sunday, June 21 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Peace Plaza directly outside the Kahler Grand Hotel. Save the date, call, text, e-mail, FB those you served with in Jaycees or the JCI Senate and tell them to join you and plan to attend. Rochester, MN is probably going to be the geographically closest US JCI Senate National Convention in a while for all of us. After the hog roast on the plaza, our hospitality room will open inside the Kahler where Ole' & Lena - bartenders extraordinaire (Don #64932 & Doreen #64069 Lietzau); Swedish Chef Greeg (Greg Green #65761) & Swedish Chef Jueery (Jerry Will #24873) will greet you with finesse like these folks do oh so well! They will have cold beverages to wet your whistle and later in the

evening snacks to munch on just in case you get hungry. Conversation & games can do that to you.

We are looking for you to register and be a part of this showcased event. Daily registration is also available if you are unable to attend the entire event.

We also wish to take this opportunity to thank the MO JCI Senate for their commitment with one of our meals for the delegates. The Swedish chefs also wanted me to ask you to personally consider sharing some of your homemade delights with our delegates. We know many of you are wonderful bakers and cookies, cakes, brownies, would be marvelous. Some of you hunt, and venison sausage or jerky is scrumptious. And then there are those amongst us who can/freeze fresh veggies and salsa's, etc. These treats will be enjoyed by many as you well know.

Thanks

Sharon Leppla #44742

Chairman - National 2015

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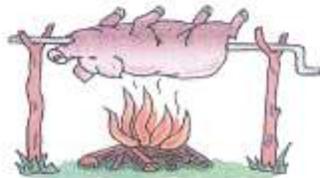
## US JCI SENATE NATIONAL CONVENTION

JUNE 21 - 25, 2015

ROCHESTER, MN

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 EARLY HOSPITALITY

HOG ROAST



Whole hog roast with specialty dry rub and served with a sweet & spicy BBQ sauce  
Country style potato salad with sour cream, bacon, and scallions  
Traditional coleslaw  
Roasted fresh corn on the cob  
Baked Beans  
Sliced watermelon  
Cheddar Cheese cornbread  
Logged specialty cake

The hog roast is being served between the hours of 6pm & 8pm on Sunday in Peace Plaza. Peace Plaza is located right outside the Kahler Grand Hotel. These hours are strictly being adhered to. The convention hospitality room will open at 6pm. The hospitality room will not feature any of the foods from the above hog roast. There will only be light snacks & beverages available from 6pm to 1:00am. Since this is a catered event, we will only have enough food guaranteed for pre-registered guests. At-the-doors that include the Hog Roast may or may not be available.



**June 21-25, 2015**  
**Kahler Grand Hotel**  
 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW, Rochester, MN 55902  
 507-280-6200



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ JCI Senate # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ JCI Senate # \_\_\_\_\_ or Friendship# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is this your first JCI Senate National Meeting  Yes  No Spouse/Guest  Yes  No  
 Military Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you sharing a room?  Yes  No With whom please? \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	Qty	Postmarked by 5/1/15	Postmarked after 5/1/15	On-Site	Total
Full Registration		\$120.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	
Child Registration (5 - 12 years old)		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Early Hospitality (Sun 6/21)		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
Year End Banquet Only		\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	
Daily Hospitality Only		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
Daily Off-Site Fee		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
Presidential Sweepstakes Tickets		1 ticket for	\$15.00 or	2 tickets for	\$25.00
Hal Krekorian Golf Tournament		TBA	TBA	TBA	
Offsite Excursions		Visit <a href="http://www.nexgenassociates.com/">www.nexgenassociates.com/</a>		<a href="http://majcisenate.com/">majcisenate.com/</a>	for tour info.
Banquet Meal If special dietary concerns, please list		3 entrée buffet			
Cash or Check Discount on Full Reg.		(\$5.00)	(\$5.00)	(\$5.00)	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					

Make Checks Payable to "MINNESOTA CONVENTION 2015" - DO NOT SEND CASH

Method of Payment: Check/Money Order # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Master Card;  Visa;  Name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Forms and payment to:  
 DJ #44743 & Sharon #44742 Leppla, 1625 North Garden Street, New Ulm, MN 56073-1533  
 507-359-9345 [smleppla@newulmtel.net](mailto:smleppla@newulmtel.net)

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** Make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel by calling 507-280-6200  
 Request Room Block: JCI SENATE  
 Room rate is \$109.00 standard/\$139.00 executive per night plus 11.375% tax & includes 2 \$5.00 vouchers for breakfast each day with each room.  
 Room rates are held 2 nights before and 2 nights after. **CUTOFF DATE FOR ROOM BLOCK IS MAY 19, 2015**  
 Parking is \$8.00 per day + tax

Questions: Contact Sharon Leppla #44742 @ [smleppla@newulmtel.net](mailto:smleppla@newulmtel.net) or 507-359-9345



# REGION VI SPRING BOARD MEETING



April 24-26, 2015  
Hosted by the Nebraska JCI Senate  
in Lincoln, Nebraska

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Senator # \_\_\_\_\_ or Friendship # \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Senator # \_\_\_\_\_ or Friendship # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Phone # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check if this is your first Region VI Senate Meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check if you are a military veteran.

Item	Quantity	Postmark By 4/1/2015	Postmark After 4/1/2015	Total Due
Full Registration	_____	\$65	\$ 75	\$ _____

*We will be within 10 minutes of a golf course and will provide information as needed.*

\_\_\_ Yes, I would be interested in a golf outing.

Convention questions, contact:

Dale TenEyck #57237

Cell: (402) 594-9204

Email [det@valmont.com](mailto:det@valmont.com)

Mail completed registration form and checks payable to **Nebraska JCI Senate** to:

**Pam Johnson, #69447**

**1413 West 10th Street**

**North Platte, NE 69101**



## REGION VI SPRING BOARD MEETING

April 24-26, 2015

Hosted by the Nebraska JCI Senate  
in Lincoln, Nebraska



The Nebraska JCI Senate is pleased to invite you to Lincoln for the Spring 2015 Region VI Meeting. There will be a variety of activities available for your enjoyment!

**Hotel Information:** **Quality Inn & Suites** (advise reservation block "Nebraska JCI")

**Phone: (402) 423-3131**  
1511 Center Park Road South  
Lincoln, NE 68512

- One Queen bed for up to 2 people -\$69/night (\$10 each additional person)
- One king bed for up to 2 people -\$79/night (\$10 each additional person)
- Two double or queen beds for up to 2 people -\$79/night (\$10 each additional person)  
(10% discount offered on all rooms for AAA, AARP, military)

**Hotel amenities:**

- ❖ Free hot breakfast
- ❖ Free wireless high-speed Internet access
- ❖ Free parking
- ❖ Free coffee and free local calls
- ❖ All rooms offer cable television, coffee makers, refrigerators, microwaves & irons with boards.

**Registration Information:**

**Early Registration \$65 by 4/1/2015**

- **Full Registration includes Friday & Saturday hospitality.**
  - Friday evening begins at 5pm Friday light meal served.
  - Saturday: Lunch and supper will be served.
  - Ongoing: snacks & beverages available throughout the weekend (except during meeting).

**Other things to do in the area:**

**Within 15 minutes of hotel:** Just a few of the options within an easy drive from the hotels include:

- **Golf outing • Winery visits • State Capital Tour • Various antiques stores & art galleries**
- **Morrill Hall & Mueller Planetarium:** The museum features world famous Elephant Hall, where visitors can see the world's largest mounted mammoth among the premier collection of fossil elephants. Visitors can also explore the hands-on natural wonders in the Marx Science Discovery Center and experience an immersive full-dome show in Mueller Planetarium.

**Nearby and worth the extra time before or after convention:**

- **Strategic Air and Space Museum - Ashland, NE on I-80 at exit 426**  
A museum focusing on aircraft and nuclear missiles of the United States Air Force. It is located near Ashland, Nebraska, along Interstate 80 southwest of Omaha. The objective of the museum is to preserve and display historic aircraft, missile, and space vehicles and is regarded as having one of the top collections of strategic aircraft.
- **Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium - Omaha, Nebraska**
  - **Desert Dome:** The world's largest indoor desert, located under the world's largest glazed geodesic dome has become a landmark for the city of Omaha.
  - **Suzanne and Walter Scott Aquarium:** Walk on the bottom of the ocean and come nose to nose with sea turtles as sharks circle above you in the 70 foot shark tunnel. From Antarctic penguins to colorful warm water fish, you will observe the magical world of underwater life.
  - **Lied Jungle:** America's largest indoor rainforest. Inside this exhibit you will hear waterfalls crashing, see gibbons swinging and feel the tropical environment surround you.
  - **Kingdoms of the Night:** World's largest nocturnal exhibit.

**Convention questions, contact:**

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