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The Naperville Jaycees name JCI Senator Al DeGeeter as Grand Marshal of the 2024 Labor Day Parade!

Naperville, IL - Join the Jaycees as they pay tribute to a much beloved member during the 2024 Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 2 at 10am.

This year's parade will honor the lifelong commitment of late Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senator, Al DeGeeter's to service above self. In his memory, the Naperville Jaycees will be collecting donations along the parade route for the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

Albert DeGeeter was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis in 2017 after losing 2 of his brothers from the same affliction shortly before. Because of this family history and having served as an MP in Korea from 1963-1965, Al knew how to follow protocol and remained an advocate for himself and an active member of his community as long as his strength allowed. He succumbed in late 2023 when repeated bouts of pneumonia triggered an autoimmune response and significantly accelerated the damage to his lungs.

September is Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month! The Jaycees and representatives from the PF Foundation will be walking together along the parade route to collect cash and electronic donations in support of the more than 200 lung diseases which look and behave very much alike. You can visit Al's tribute page to read more or donate directly via <https://secure.ggiv.com/event/2024napervillejayceeslastfling>.

The Last Fling Labor Day Parade starts its journey through Downtown Naperville at 10AM on Labor Day Monday, September 2, 2024. For further information, to view a map of the 2024 parade route, review our event map or program, please visit lastfling.org

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The Last Fling is the Naperville Jaycees' largest fundraiser, raising over two million dollars for nonprofit organizations throughout Naperville and DuPage County in the past 20 years. The Jaycees thank you, the volunteers and sponsors who have continued to support the organization. Volunteer and Sponsorship opportunities for the 2024 Last Fling are available by emailing admin@lastfling.org. The Naperville Jaycees is a not-for-profit service organization for young professionals dedicated to offering Naperville-area residents the opportunity to better themselves and to grow personally and professionally while giving through community service and fundraising efforts. The group's annual events include: East Egg Hunt, Lobster Day, and countless other worthwhile projects that positively impact the community. The group also organizes and staffs the Last Fling in close cooperation with the City of Naperville, the Naperville Park District, numerous Naperville community organizations, and hundreds of volunteers. Proceeds from the Last Fling over the past two decades have exceeded \$2M for other nonprofit organizations in Naperville and surrounding communities. Monthly meetings are open to all, and are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Judd Kendall VFW (908 West Jackson Avenue) in Naperville. Please call the chapter's hotline at (630) 961-9375, email jcinfo@naperjaycees.org, or visit their website at naperjaycees.org for more details.

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