

**ATTENTION!!!**  
 Next general meeting  
 Tuesday December 10th  
**American Legion**  
 at 7:00 pm



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HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!! CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE ELGIN JAYCEES! Please attend our DECEMBER meeting where we will be festive and merry, but also will hold our annual ELECTION of OFFICERS! Please note meeting day and date change to

\*\*\*\*\* TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. \*\*\*\*\*

Please join us for this important meeting to ELECT OUR BOARD, reflect upon our SUCCESSES throughout the year, MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS, CHRISTINE MITCHELL (she joined us at our November meeting) and JENNIFER COOK (she joined us in October), plan for our year-end awards/party, and get going on some favorite projects such as Candlelight Bowl, Progressive Dinner, and Senior Prom. `Tis the season to be merry so, let's do be merry Elgin Jaycees on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Elgin.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS – ALERT!!! 150 Thanksgiving Food Baskets to assemble. Please come together and be part of one of our most worthy and successful projects – Thanksgiving Baskets. Shopping Day is Saturday, November 23, 2002 in the morning. Sunday evening is delivery of basket contents to the American Legion Hall, and Monday evening is basket assembly night – 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Tuesday we will need some assistance during the day to deliver baskets to the

agencies, so if you've a large vehicle and are available and willing, please let Lynda Mukite or one of the Board know. For specific times (shopping and Sunday delivery to the Legion), please contact Lynda Mukite. If you haven't indicated that you'd like to help with this great project, please join us and/or let Lynda Mukite know – 847-428-0035 or Jean Black – 847-931-9302. See you there!



THE UNITED STATES JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE\*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide young people the opportunity to develop personal and leadership skills through local community service and organizational involvement while expanding the Jaycee movement.

ELGIN COMMUNITY TOY GIVE-A-WAY! We're going shopping with \$250.00 to spend! Shopping night to purchase infant and teen gifts to be placed under the tree at the Grand Victoria Casino will be on Monday December 2, 2002. Let's meet at 6:30 at Kohl's Department Store ~ Spring Hill Mall.

A few words of encouragement and thanks from your 2002 Elgin Jaycee President...

As elections for our Officers for the 2003 year approach, I would like to encourage all of you to attend our December meeting, but also to consider taking on a leadership role in our wonderful organization. While many of us are overloaded with various commitments (life!), please remember what this great organization has done not only for this community, but for each of us. The friendships are precious, the joy of giving and sharing is unequalled, our individual growth, leadership, organizational, and communication skills are beneficial. And of course, the fun and good times are great. The list goes on!

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Each of us makes up this great whole, the Elgin Jaycees. Whether we have been able to give a little or a lot, each of us is "a slice of the pie!" The sayings, "A little bit goes a long way." and "Many hands make light work." are appropriate as we consider what we can accomplish together! The EJC needs you more than ever so we may continue with all of the wonderful community projects we do and keep our sense of community and friendships alive and strong. Please, won't you consider stepping up to an Officer position on the Elgin Jaycee Board? Thanks.

Whew! Thanksgiving 2002 is almost here, then December and before we know it, the calendar will read January 2003! As I reflect upon this past year of the Elgin Jaycees, I most of all would like to thank each and every one who made this a successful year. That is a lot of thanks! So many of us helped our Chapter and our Community – how wonderful! Although it has been a growing year regarding membership of our Chapter, it has been a strong year. Joining us are some great new members! Let's keep on going and growing! We've had some fabulous projects ~ Candlelight Bowl, Fox Trot, Flag Placing, Fourth of July Parade, Outdoor Meeting, Membership Drives, Thanksgiving Baskets, Elgin Community Toy Give-a Way, social gatherings at Bennigan's, Cadillac Ranch, Brew Fest, Greek Fest, and Irish Fest, and more to come. I appreciate all of the support you gave me as your President and I thank you all for being true Elgin Jaycees. Many blessed wishes for a peaceful

Thanksgiving, merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and wonderful holidays!

Jean Black,  
President ~ 2002

Election of Officers and Board of Directors for the Elgin Jaycees will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Elgin. Nominations will be accepted for all the following positions:

President  
Chapter Management Vice-President  
Membership Development Vice-President  
Community Development Vice-President  
Individual Development Vice-President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Directors

Please contact Jean at 847-931-9302 or Rhonda at 847-742-6298 for nominations prior to the meeting. Thank you.

*In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit*

*Albert Schweitzer*

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