

ATTENTION!!!

General meeting
Wednesday, March 2
at The American Legion
at 7:30 pm



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The Elgin Jaycees Newsletter

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The Pres Says...

Membership VP Kim, CDVP Wendy, IDVP Michelle and I attended LEAD training this past weekend (February 19-20) in Peoria. LEAD training is presented by Junior Chamber International, and is a dynamic workshop which outlines characteristics of effective leaders. We'll be bringing what we learned back to the chapter, so look for more information about this soon!

Who's up for a visitation? I'm looking for members to attend meetings of other Fox Valley Region chapters with me. In March, we've planned to visit Algonquin-LITH (Lake in the Hills) on the 15th, and Woodstock on the 22nd. Visitations allow us to see what other chapters are up to, and meet new people. If this is something you're interested in please let me know soon!

We welcomed two new members into our chapter in February: Andy Rosa and Chris Olsen. Andy works with Chapter Management VP Jon, and Chris works at Elgin Fox Theatre. We hope to see them at a meeting soon!

What would you like to see our chapter do this year? We're currently working on projects from scrap booking to lock picking, so the field is wide open. If you have ANY suggestions, please let me know!

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*Whether you think you can or
think you can't—you are right.*

Henry Ford

Individual Development

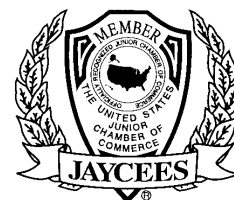
Hello Elgin Jaycees from your Individual Development VP! We're off to a great start this year already. We've had excellent trainings during February. Early in the month at our general meeting our own Kim Parsons did a wonderful CPG training for us. Such a wealth of knowledge to have right here in our own chapter! Thank you Kim! A group from our chapter also went down to Peoria on the 19th and 20th for JCI LEAD training. What a great time we had with excellent leadership training with Lars Hajsund from Denmark and past National President John Nygren. The group of us that went can not wait to share all the great things we learned and experienced. I urge anyone to attend this fantastic training when it comes around again!

Coming in March we plan to have our dinner social at Bennigan's on March 17th in honor of St. Patrick's Day. We will be meeting at 6pm if you are interested in coming out.

I have had the idea of starting a chapter book club and was wondering if anyone would be interested in this monthly or bi-monthly project. Contact me at idvp@elginjaycees.org if you think you would want to start one up!

Don't forget that I am looking for ideas from anyone of things you would like to learn about. In the works already are CPR training, Debate training, how to replace a spark plug, belly dancing, and a self defense class all later this year. If you have any ideas, please let me know! Have a great month!

In Jaycees,
Michelle Sweeney IDVP 2005





A Note From Jenn

Hi again everyone, I wanted to make sure that you all know how much you mean to me.

The jaycees is a wonderful organization of caring people that truly care about what goes on with each other and I am so privileged to be part of things. Recently I have had some setbacks with my OI (Osteogenesis Imperfecta) That is a genetic disorder that makes the bones unable to keep themselves strong until there is a problem, it is similar to osteoporosis, except that my body doesn't lack calcium. It just doesn't know how to use it properly. I have broken 9 bones since August of 2004, and even though that is a bit high for me I have not let that stop me. I am as involved as I can be with the jaycees and I do have other commitments in my life. I have a amazing 16 month old nephew that keeps me on my toes. He is encouragement for me to keep going on the days it gets so rough that I don't want to keep fighting. I have never been a quitter and I am not going to start now, in fact I am currently walking a little bit with the help of braces for my legs and little quad canes to help me stand. Well enough about me for this month, lets here some things about you all.

January, February and March Birthdays for 2005

Brendon Cox
Jennifer Gallegos
Jennifer Malecki
Scott Haacker
Tricia Rasmussen
Chris Wishon
Barb Sleemen
Sarah Sieberlich

Happy Birthday
Everyone, Hope your day is as wonderful as you!



Upcoming News and Events

Spring is quickly approaching and that means we will soon be very busy!

On **Memorial Day Weekend**, we kick off the summer with a couple of high profile civic commitments. We will be assisting the American Legion and the Boys Scouts with the **placement of flags at Bluff City Cemetery**. What a great way to honor the men and women who have served our country! In addition, the **28th Annual Valley Fox Trot** is scheduled for May 30, 2005. The Elgin Jaycees will be manning the water station at the Duncan turnaround. We've done this in the past and it sounds like great fun.

If you would like to help with either of these Memorial Day Weekend events, please e-mail me at c.

Also, Elgin Chapter member Sandy Hoambrecker is looking for help on a **Committee for the Dog Day in the Park**. She would like to hold a **Kick-off Meeting** on Sunday, March 13th. The Dog Day in the Park is a fundraiser for the Lords Park Zoo and the Chapter. This event offers a wonderful socialization activity for dog owners and their pets. In addition to meeting other members of the community and their four-legged friends, pet owners will learn more about canine health and training. Dog-related

businesses will have booths to inform the public about their services, too.

Please contact me at c or 224-436-0834 if you are interested in helping Sandy organize the Dog Day in the Park (or even if you'd just like to help staff the event). I think this will be a very popular event with the community and the more Jaycees involved, the better.

With official announcements, out of the way, I thought I'd take a moment to share some more personal accounts...

Amber Thiele, a colleague of mine who grew up in Elgin, was recently married to Sonny McKibben. Congratulations Amber! I know you'll both be very happy. She just returned from the wedding/honeymoon and it was wonderful hearing about her ceremony on the beach in Ft. Myers, FL.

Also, I must admit that since our November social at **Akina's Thai restaurant** in downtown Elgin, I just can't get enough! A few weeks ago, I introduced several of my co-workers to Akina's at lunch. I called for reservations, which was lucky considering we had a party of eight and the place was packed. When it came to ordering, there were quite a few who were willing to try "Thai hot" seasoning of their meal (there is a spice scale from mild to homicide). After hearing that I was going with medium, my co-workers decided that was just not right. After a bit of coaxing (wow, and I thought peer pressure stopped at high school - haha), they convinced me to at least try "hot." Watery eyes, a runny nose and several Kleenex later, I had survived (and had refreshingly clear sinuses for the winter season)! I must admit that I am something of a lightweight when it comes to spicy food, but WOW! The amazing thing is that the

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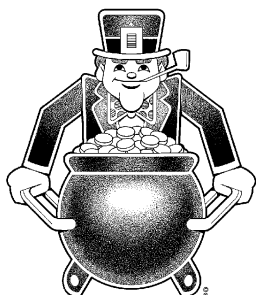
dish was still very flavorful! And best of all, I think the biggest bill on the ticket was for \$8! What a great value.

Anyway, I guess the point is that if you haven't been to Akina's, I strongly recommend going and trying the ginger stir-fry. Just know your limits when they ask you how spicy you would like your dish...

Your Fox Valley District I.D.

Greeting Elgin Jaycees! Allow me to introduce myself, I am Joe Weyland, and I have been blessed with having your great and growing chapter as being included my District #1 of the Fox Valley Region Jaycees! I have met many of you at the past two G.A.'s and hand-picked your chapter to work with; I know what an awesome year you all had in 2004, and with Kevin at your helm will have an incredible 2005. My passion is membership, and I was even bestowed the honor of THE Outstanding 2004 Membership V.P. at the Chapter Region, and State levels. If you are having a project, or have any ideas on gaining new members, I'm your man—call or email me joeweyland@aol.com (815)347-0306. Again, I am so jazzed to be working with you guys this year!

In Jaycees, Joe Weyland FVDID - "Crazy Like A Fox"



Famous Jaycees

Did you know that the following were Jaycees in a local chapter just like we are? Look at what the Jaycees did for them...

United States Presidents:
George W. Bush, Bill Clinton,
Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford,
Richard Nixon, Robert F. Kennedy
Former Supreme Court Chief of
Justice, Warren Burger
U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan
Aviator, Charles Lindburgh
Industrialist, Howard Hughes
Pizza Mogul, Tom Monaghan

Heavy weight boxing champion,
Larry Holmes
Basketball Legend, Larry Bird
1976 Olympic Decathlon Winner
and received the US Jaycees' Top 10
Young Outstanding Peoples award,
Bruce Jenner.
Past Elgin Mayor: Kevin Kelly
Current Kane County Judge: Jim
Hallock
2004 Chapter President: Kim
Parsons

Ok, so I am not famous, but I might be someday!

St.Paddy's Word Search





Membership

Membership is not just about attending meetings. It's not even about participating in the projects. Being a member of any organization, any club, or anything means you are getting something out of it. Ask yourself... what does the Jaycees do for me? How can the Jaycees help me improve myself in developing skills? Am I right for this organization?

As a member of this great organization, you should be receiving opportunities to enrich yourself by participating in projects, leading projects, attending the free training we offer, and even meeting new people. Also, as a member of our organization, you have a voice! What do YOU want to do? How can WE make your dreams/goals achievable? Where do you want to be in 2 years, 4 years and 10 years? Can the Jaycees help you?

Unfortunately, we can't help your dreams and goals if we cannot communicate with you. We cannot run those projects you want to do if we never see you. We need you because you are so important. You took that initial step by filling out our application and saying "YES" I want to be part of the Elgin Junior Chamber (Jaycees)! Now, give us an opportunity to make your experience awesome!

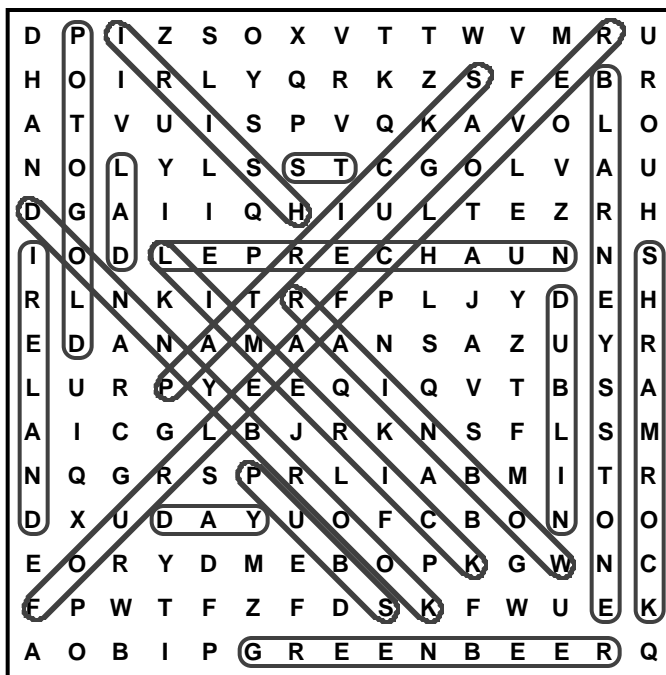
I have an incentive for everyone: Our next general meeting is March 2, at 7:30 PM at the American Legion.

- If 17 members attend the meeting, each member name will be placed in a drawing for a fabulous prize (and I do mean fabulous).
- In addition, if you bring a prospect (that means invite your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc) to the meeting, you will get an additional chance for the fabulous prize or as many chances for a prize as prospects you bring. In other words, bring 5 prospects, get 5 chances. If there is 17 regular members at the meeting, that is an additional chance.
- If it's been at least 3 months since you attended a meeting or any project and you attend this meeting, get another chance for the drawing.

Members are our link to successfulness. We need both our current members AND new members. Tell everyone and anyone about the Jaycees, our purpose and how they can be a part of this great organization. Remember, being in the Jaycees isn't about work... it's about learning, strengthening our ties within the community, opportunities and fellowship.

Your Membership Development VP and COB,
Kim Parsons

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