

ATTENTION!!!

Next General meeting
Wednesday, October 5
The American Legion
at 7:30 pm



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Hello Elgin Jaycees!

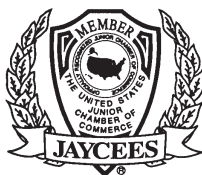
It's almost October, and your executive board has been reviewing how far we've come this year, and what we still need to do to reach our goals. We've put on a great 1st Annual "Best Pizza in Elgin" contest, which we hope to be present earlier next year (perhaps in February). We've organized a great 4th of July Parade for our City, which has gotten rave reviews from those we worked with, and we're starting to plan for next year. We've helped lots of other organizations with their events, such as the Fox Trot, Elgin Carnival, 4th of July Fireworks, and Oktoberfest.

Are you getting what you need from the Elgin Jaycees this year? If so, what can we keep doing in order to "Keep it Rolling", as last year's state president Garrett McNally would say? If not, what's holding you back? Have you communicated your concerns to your board members, so that we can address them?

The Elgin Jaycees exist to serve our members and community. We offer opportunities to learn new skills which are useful in personal and professional life. It's important to note, however, that joining the Jaycees isn't like a magical pill. You have to take advantage of what's offered to benefit, like in so many other areas of your life.

What do you want to learn tomorrow? How can we help? Let us know, and we'll do our best to help you! That's what we do. We Help People.

Kevin Sweeney
Elgin President



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Happy Fall Y'all!

Happy autumn Elgin Jaycees! October brings us many fun ID projects to participate in this month. To start off the month, we have Individual Development Week from Oct. 3rd–Oct.9th. Here is a list of these events:

- **Oct. 3rd** – Come out and join us for the first 2006 Fourth of July Parade planning meeting. Our very own Kevin Sweeney and Kim Parsons are again in charge and want the Jaycees' help full out this year! If you're interested, the meeting is at 6:30 pm at the Elgin Police Department.

- **Oct. 4th** – Come on out to the Scrapbooking Lodge at 24 Tyler Creek Plaza to help President Kevin make birthday cards for his Dad! You'll learn some great techniques in card making and then surprise Kevin's dad with some birthday cards from the Elgin Jaycees!

- **Oct. 5th** – Join us at our General meeting at 7:30pm at the American Legion.

- **Oct. 6th** – Join us for a social at Al's Café and Creamery at 7:30 in downtown Elgin. Yum!

- **Oct. 7th** – Come out for some drinks and a night out at one of Elgin's local establishments. We're looking for any suggestions of where to go, so let me know if you have any ideas!

- **Oct. 8th** – Progressive dinner anyone? A progressive dinner is where you go from house to house having one course of your dinner. We are ending with deserts at Wendy Covich's house. If you want to host or just participate in our dinner, let me know!

- **Oct. 9th** – Come learn about the Unitarian Universalist Church at their 10:45am service. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin is located at 39W830 Highland Ave.

That wraps up our ID week. Let me know via e-mail or phone call if you would like to join us for any of these great activities! 630-235-7843 and idvp@elgin-jaycees.org.

Secondly, I wanted to announce the annual Elgin Jaycee Haunted House visitations to other local chapters having houses. The date is set for Saturday October 22nd.

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Calendar of Events

October 1	Future Officer's Training
October 3	thru 9 - ID WEEK
October 3	4th of July Parade Committee Meeting
October 4	Birthday Card Making
October 5	General Membership Meeting
October 6	Ice Cream Social
October 7	Membership Social
October 8	Progressive Dinner & Pool (Cue) Party @ Wendy's
October 9	Church Service (Unitarian Universalist)
October 10	Region Board Meeting
October 15	Corn Maze
October 16	State Bingo
October 17	Voting Machine Demonstration
October 20	Board Meeting
October 22	Haunted House Visitations
October 30	State Bingo
November 5	Region Competitions
November 11	Year End General Assembly
thru 13	
November 19	Fox Valley Regional Assembly

Some notes from the treasurer...

In an attempt to bring in some money to the organization we have been looking into fundrasing ideas. One we are going to begin immediately is through Burger King. Please save all your receipts from Burger King and turn them in at the monthly meeting (or whenever you see a Board member). We will send them in to Burger King who then sends us 15% of the money spent! What a great way to get money for our worthy organization!

Another great one is from Tupperware. I believe Michelle will be handing out catalogs at the meeting. We get 40% of whatever we sell through Tupperware through October 14th. Again, a great way to

earn money because we have to opportunity to get great products through Tupperware at the same time! Maybe that excites some of us more than others.

Finally, we are running a Bingo day on October 30th in Villa Park. We get \$250 from that. We just need some volunteers to help pull tabs. I've never made it myself, but it's supposed to be pretty fun!

Well, I hope these are easy enough tasks for people...eat at Burger King! Buy and sell Tupperware! help out at the Bingo Day!

Your Treasurer,
Sarah Seiberlich



Membership Corner

We only have 3 months left in the 2005 year and we still have many projects to do. I know that we are becoming overwhelmed with projects, family, work, school, vacations, etc. and its becoming difficult to balance everything. So I am asking each and every Elgin Jaycee member to PICK at least 1 Jaycee related activity each month and attend it. I know you have it in you to schedule at least 1 activity to participate in, whether it be a general meeting, a board meeting, an outing, an actual project, a visitation to another chapter, just pick 1 thing to do with us.

While you are choosing which activity to attend, perhaps you might keep it in mind that you CAN bring friends and other family members to ANY Jaycee project—and it really doesn't matter their age (unless of course we are doing an over 21 project such as pouring beer).

NEW members for the month of August/September include the following:

JANE HARTMAN
GEOFF SANDS

Welcome to the Jaycee family.

Due in October is the following members: We hope you will consider another year with us!

SANDRA HOAMBRECKER

We enjoyed our first year with you and you helped make the projects you attended fun!

This last quarter of 2005, I am making a big push to increase our membership by at least 6 people. I know we can do it—there are 98,000 people in Elgin. At least 10% of this number is Jaycee age—they will never know us if we don't ask! Since its obvious M-nights do not work for us in this city, we will need

to look at other methods for finding prospects. Of course, the best way to recruit new members is through projects - and we need new ideas, help running them. Not a recruiter? No problem, we have plenty of people to help out with recruiting—which means that we need you even more to do your part at a project so those who are good at recruiting can do their part too.

Let's make this last quarter the best ever for the Elgin Jaycees! We are the best out there! Lets show our community, our region, our selves and each other that we are #1!

Kim Parsons
Membership VP, COB

Community Corner

Thanks to everyone who helped out with Oktoberfest! We had such a great turnout of volunteers that, not only did we pour beer, we were able to help with security at the event, too!

The summer has come and gone (sigh), and now is the time to be active in the Elgin Jaycees. We have lots of activities planned for the coming weeks that will give you the chance to get out there in the community:

As Michelle mentioned, we will be kicking off Individual Development (ID) Week with the first planning committee meeting for the City of Elgin's Independence Day Parade. Please join Kevin Sweeney (president@elginjaycees.org) or Kim Parsons (membership@elginjaycees.org) as they prepare for this mammoth event!

On Saturday, October 15th, the Elgin Jaycees will take a road trip. What better way to celebrate the fall harvest than to pick apples at an orchard in Malta. Bring your friends and family along to have a good time. The corn maze promises to keep the

fun going well into the evening. Contact Michelle (idvp@elginjaycees.org) to RSVP or for more information.

With the year coming to a close, we really need to focus on our goal of sending a camper to Camp New Hope. This is a great opportunity for a special needs child to experience the joys of summer camp. It also provides the caretakers of these kids a much needed mini-vacation from the hard work that is part of their daily lives. To raise funds for this great cause, we'd like to hold a Chili Dinner in November. If you would like to build up your management skills (how great would this look on your resume?) and chair this project, let me know (cdvp@elginjaycees.org) and I will help you through it.

We are forming a team to participate in "Laps for Literacy," a fundraiser for The Literacy Connection in Elgin to support their efforts in teaching individuals to read or speak English. Our team of 6-12 people will collect pledges and get together on Saturday, January 14, 2006 from 7-11 pm to either walk or run laps at the Centre in Elgin. Please mark your calendar and contact me (cdvp@elginjaycees.org) if you would like to participate.

Finally, the first ever Pizza Tasting Contest went over so well, that people are clamoring for us to hold it again. We have learned that we can make this event even more successful by simply changing the date. As such, we would like to hold this event in February, 2006. This means that plans for our fundraiser for the Challenger Division of the Elgin Little League must start soon! (this is another management project that would look great on your resume) Please let me (cdvp@elginjaycees.org) know if you would like to take on this challenge.

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Yes, we do have a busy schedule over the next few months, and yes, we really do need your help to make it a success! Now is your chance to step up and gain some real leadership experience (or simply apply what you may have learned in school)—don't worry though, your fellow chapter members are here to help you grow and succeed!

Wendy Covich

Region website address:

www.orgsites.com/il/foxvalleyregionjaycees and state website address www.iljaycees.org.

“Sign up online to receive up to the minute information on happenings around the State, Region and other Chapters in the Fox Valley Region. You can also post projects for your chapter! Just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FoxValleyRegionJaycees> and click on “join”, it’s that simple!”

Region meeting nights at a glance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 st	Marengo/Union	Crystal Lake	Elgin	
2 nd	Region Board	McHenry	St. Charles	South Elgin Hampshire/Burlington
3 rd		Algonquin/LITH	Batavia Harvard	Cary-Grove
4 th		Woodstock	Dundee	Huntley

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I've also heard a rumor that since we are already Jaycees, many of these houses may be free, yes FREE for us! So make sure to have your Jaycee card on hand if you plan to go. Bring our any family and friends that you think would enjoy a good haunted house! It's fun for all! Again, let me know if you plan on going so we can arrange a meeting spot.

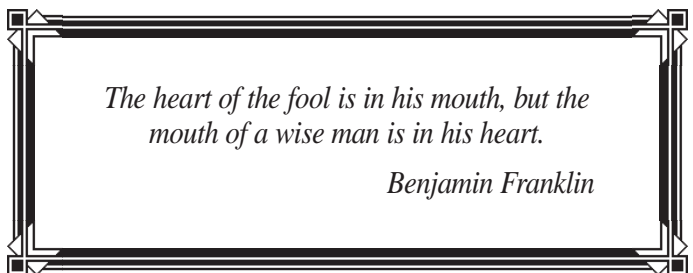
Hope to see you at some of these awesome ID projects and activities! Have a great October and Happy Halloween!

Michelle Sweeney
IDVP 2005

Also...

I'm passing on some info that we received that some of you may be interested in. The American Business Women's Association Fox Valley Chapter is having a prospective membership meeting on Oct. 20th from 6:30-8:30pm at The Claddagh in the Algonquin Commons. If you're interested contact: Colleen Thomas, Co-President.

Elgin Jaycees mark your calendars for Saturday December 17th in the evening! We are planning our end of the year party and installation of new board members for this night. The proposed place is Akina's Thai and Asian cuisine in downtown Elgin. More details to come as we get closer to the date. Thanks everyone!



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