

ATTENTION!!!

Next General meeting
Wednesday, February 1st
The American Legion
at 7:30pm
Orientation at 7:00pm



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The Elgin Jaycees Newsletter

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From the President

Welcome to 2006, Elgin Jaycees! I am excited and honored to be your 60th president of the GREAT Elgin Jaycees!

We have a lot of great things planned for our 60th year. Naturally, we have our 60th anniversary celebration, which will be chaired by last year's president **Kevin Sweeney**. It looks like the celebration will take place sometime this Fall. Please come on out to some of the committee meetings for this event, the more the merrier! Some other great projects coming include: The **2nd Annual Best Pizza in Elgin Contest** (benefiting the Shop-With-A-Cop program), **Valentine's For Seniors**, The **Avon Walk For Breast Cancer** (a favorite of mine!), **starting a Jaycees chapter** here in Elgin, **4th of July Parade**, **Holiday (Christmas) Parade**, **Chili Dinner**, **Not-So-Hot Chippendale's**, **Progressive Dinners**, **Socials**, **trainings**, and so much more! So are you ready for some fun?

As you can see, we have a lot happening! I want to make 2006—our 60th year—a great one. I can't do this alone, so I need you! We also need new members! My goal for this year is to have at least 60 members for 60 years! With your help, I know we can do this! The Jaycees is a wonderful organization that provides awesome leadership skills and volunteer opportunities. We need to get the word out! Tell your friends, family, co-workers, even the person standing next to you in the checkout line about how great the Jaycees are. Come out to projects we have planned and bring your friends with you! Even run a project, the best way to learn leadership skills firsthand! Let's make our 60th year the very best yet!

Let's have a great 2006!

Yours in Jaycees,
Michelle Sweeney

President's Challenge:

I challenge everyone to find one new member/prospect to bring to our February 1st meeting.

For every project you run under the different areas of opportunity's (Individual Development, Community Development, Business, and International), you will receive a very special, extra fantastic, I would even call it Fantabulous, pin for that area at our next general meeting. Let's see who will get all four!

Chapter Management

YEEEE HAAA! A new year! How many of you made New Year Resolutions? I know I did and I have already given up on most of them. Oh well!

President Michelle has an awesome year planned and it will be an exciting time to be an Elgin Jaycee. Celebrating 60 years of being in the Elgin community, we kick off our year with **Jaycee Week**, January 15–21. We asked the Mayor for a proclamation, which he presented at the City Council meeting on January 11th. To make this year extra special, the 2006 Board has been meeting many times throughout this month to plan projects, events and training for our members. Please let us know what YOU want to see the Elgin Jaycees do in 2006. Remember, we can't have a chapter without you, so please send President Michelle your input.

Speaking of projects, here is a small list of what to expect this first quarter of 2006:

- **Mass Chapter PR Efforts** – look for articles in the papers on our chapter or the people in our chapter
- **Marketing** our chapter using Slogans, Yard Signs and Posters
- **Chairman's Planning Guide Training**
(March's meeting beginning at 7pm)

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Membership Development Vice Presidents' Report

Hello again fellow Elgin Jaycees and friends. I am excited to write to you this month in my first membership report on the Elgin chapter. We have a great year planned, and the Elgin Jaycee board is already off to a very busy start to insure our growth.

Member strength:

Total Members	26
Members Due This Month	By Date
Laurie Fike	1-Feb
Chris Wishon	1-Feb
Andy Rosa	5-Feb
Chris Olsen	15-Feb
Members Due Next Month	By Date
Martina Leon	1-Mar
Dave Brach	1-Mar
Sandra Clark	1-Mar
Member Birthdays This Month	Date
Jennifer Gallegos	2-Feb

We urge all our members up for renewal to submit their dues and renew. Your support is vital to our chapter's longevity, and you are greatly appreciated.

I would also like to wish Jennifer Gallegos a very happy birthday

Yours truly,
John Felton
Membership Development
Vice President 2006



Membership Development Vice President's motivational message:

Our membership goal for this year is to have a chapter 60 members strong. This is a very obtainable goal. If each of our members recruits 1.2 members throughout the year, we WILL do it. Triumph is just "umph" added to try. Ideas won't work unless you do.

Upcoming Membership oriented events

All Elgin Jaycee members are urged to attend a member orientation promptly at 7:00 PM on February 1st 2006 before the general meeting to learn about membership benefits and the chapter's focus and strategy on membership growth. Please invite at least 1 non-member to accompany you to the meeting.

Membership has its privileges

I want to remind all current members and future prospects that there are many benefits available to us all as members of an international community service and not for profit organization. Being a part of a large, international organization definitely has many advantages. The demographic that most Jaycees fall under is highly sought after by corporations large and small.

Some of these benefits can be very useful especially for those who can't

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Around the State

Hello Elgin Jaycees! It's my responsibility this year to keep you up to date regarding things that happen outside of our chapter. You'll be hearing from me about State and Region activities. To that end:

The Year End Fox Valley Regional occurred on January 14th at Chalet Hills Golf Club in Cary. ROTS (Regional Officers Training School) was presented, and many of your board members took advantage. President Michelle won past RD Chris's 'Most Active Jaycee' challenge, and won \$150 for her efforts!

The Year End Illinois General Assembly is January 27-29 in Decatur. President Michelle, Chapter Management VP Kim, Membership VP John, and State Director Kevin will be attending. There will be additional training for all of us, including LOTS (Local Officer's Training School).

On March 4th, we're asking all Fox Valley Jaycees to help us 'pay'-for our use of the Bergen Building at Camp Algonquin by coming out to Camp Work Day. From 9am until everybody goes home, we need to clean up the cabin, paint the trim, paint walls, fix up the bathrooms, and generally spruce up the place. We get to use this building free, and we work that off by helping to maintain it. RD Jordan has offered 150 POC points for each chapter that sends 3 members to this event, so please contact me about attending ASAP!

We need YOUR help with the Chapter's 60th Anniversary Celebration. Please make time to attend one of the committee meetings, and help us make this year a success. Our efforts this year will be very visible to our community and past members. Let's make sure they're proud of us!

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enjoy many of the traditional benefits through their employers. This is a great way to generate interest in joining the Jaycees, so if you know anyone who would like to benefit from these programs and have no other resource to do so, invite them to learn more about our great organization. The following is the information from the Illinois Jaycees website at http://www.iljaycees.org/membership_benefits.htm.

Besides receiving the opportunity to impact your community, your annual membership fee entitles you to:

- **First USA** — USJCC MasterCard, Gold MasterCard, and Platinum MasterCard affixed with the Jaycee seal. Every time you make a purchase, a contribution is made to the Jaycees at no cost to you. Call 800.FIRST.USA, or visit their web site at www.firstusa.com. Card members call 800.955.9900 for services. For an application, you can call 800.JAYCEES. M A C R O B U T T O N HtmlResAnchor APPLY ONLINE TODAY!
- **Day-Timer** — Jaycees now receive a 38 percent discount on the Day-Timer Personal Organizer. Call 800.225.5005 and mention key code #164784, product code AAZ-7300X to receive a Day-Timer Personal Organizer FREE for 90 days. This leather binder is available in black, brown, or burgundy. Jaycees will also receive two free gifts: Your name or initials on a handsome brass plate and an executive stainless steel pen with brass trim!

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- **Fun Fundraisers** — such as Burger King, Colonial, Shop and Share, and Tupperware Sales
- **Valentines for Seniors**
- **Blood Drive**
- **Laps for Literacy**
- **Competitions**
- **Team Building Skills**
- **New Member Orientations**
- **Socials**
- **State and Region events**
- **Chapter Twinning**

Please add your ideas to this list. Let President Michelle or myself know your ideas. We will work with you to see that your ideas come to life.

We have a fabulous Board this 2006 year:

- **President Michelle Sweeney** will lead us in innovative ways; she is an excellent motivator and a wonderful friend. I am truly excited for her this year.
- **COB and State Director Kevin Sweeney** (also has double duty as Fox Valley District Director) will be in our shadows keeping us informed of things around the state, region and will be updating those ancient chapter by-laws.
- **Chapter Management VP Kim Parsons** (that's me – also double duty as State Chair for Springboard and Degrees) will be beside Michelle helping her with chapter function such as paperwork management, project coordination, chapter marketing, and ways and means. Helping me with some of my functions will be Wendy Covich, who is the Marketing and PR Chair. Wendy brings a great amount of expertise of making the PR sound great! Wendy has some fantastic ideas about website, newsletters, and marketing in general and we look forward to hearing her ideas.
- **Individual Development VP Jon Eddy** will be stimulating and motivating your minds. If you know Jon, then you know he is a very creative person, and will NO DOUBT bring justice to the Individual Development area in 2006.
- **Membership Development VP John Felton** will be helping the chapter with member involvement, recruitment, and retention. John's enthusiasm for the Jaycees is really contagious, so watch out! It's all our responsibility to recruit, but John will be the center point for ensuring you know how to recruit, close a deal and stimulate involvement. We look forward to the wonderful ideas John has for us this year.
- **Treasurer Sandra Clark** holds one of the most important positions in the chapter; she will be managing our chapter money. If you have any money you'd like to donate... see Sandra (it's a joke... ha ha).
- And of course, our GENERAL MEMBERSHIP! This is the single most important area of our chapter! You are the ones that make a difference. Your opinions and thoughts count.

On behalf of the 2006 Board, we look forward to a wonderful YEAR in 2006.

GO ELGIN JAYCEES!

Kim Parsons
Chapter Management VP



Upcoming Projects:

2006 4th of July Parade Committee:

Kevin Sweeney, Kim Parsons, and John Felton are diligently working on making this project a success. If you have any contacts with the following organizations, please email John Felton. We may like to have them involved in the parade for entertainment: The Blue Man Group, Medieval Times, The CTA, United Airlines, Brookfield or Lincoln Park Zoos and the Shriners.

2006 Best Pizza in Elgin competition:

John Felton is proud to announce the Elgin Jaycees board approved the project on January 15th. The committee consists of John Felton as Chairman, Michelle Sweeney as Elgin Jaycee President, Kim Parsons Co-Chairperson, and Wendy Covich as PR Coordinator. The position of Location and Pizza coordinator (LAPC) is still vacant. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact John Felton at membership@elginJaycees.org. The committee is also seeking 1 or 2 other individuals to serve on the committee, and 2 to 4 general members to volunteer at the event. The date will be determined pending final approval of the General membership at the February Elgin Jaycee General Meeting.

From the Treasury:

Hello all! My name is Sandra Clark. I am pleased to take the position as your treasurer for 2006. I currently work at Kohl's as an assistant manager. I hope my experience and input will help the chapter this year. You can contact me at treasurer@elginjaycees.org. Have a great 2006!

Sandra Clark

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On a personal note, I was recently accepted for membership in the Elgin Turners. When you join, you can get a key. To the bar. That is a serious membership incentive. What other organizations are you involved in around town? I'd like to know, so drop me a line!

Kevin Sweeney
2006 State Director
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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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