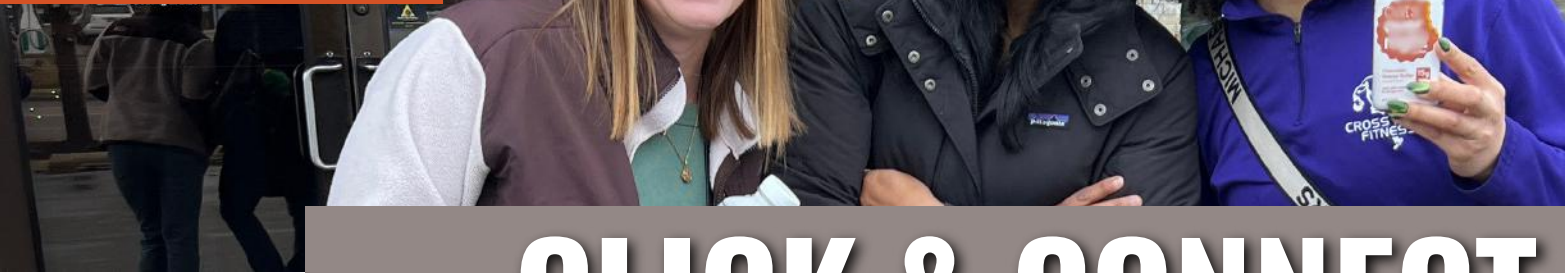




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Your Monthly Snapshot of Member Deals, Opportunities & Business Connections



## A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

After years of dedicated leadership and service to the business community, Carol Gieske, President & CEO of the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce, has announced her upcoming retirement.

[READ HER STORY](#) →



## TURN DISCIPLINE INTO RESULTS

According to the author, James Bell and President of Praestigia Solutions, The Uncomfortable Advantage, it's not knowledge, talent, or even opportunity—it's the ability to operate consistently under pressure.

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# MEMBER DEALS

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## HALL OF FAME

### Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson Inducted into Elgin High School Hall of Fame



Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson was honored at Elgin High School with an induction into the school's Alumni Hall of Fame.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Gail Borden Library in CBS Chicago segment



The Gail Borden Public Library was featured on CBS Chicago Morning News this morning with a segment on National Library Week!!

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**Get the Social Media Toolkit for Mental Health Awareness Month**

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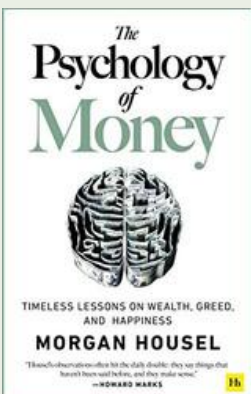
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**BUSINESS BOOK OF THE MONTH**

**The Psychology of Money  
El Libro de Negocios del Mes**



**Author:** Morgan Housel | **Date of Publication:** 2020 | **Publisher:** Harriman House

**Summary:** With constant pressure to grow, stay competitive, and make sound financial choices, many business owners assume success is all about strategy. In *The Psychology of Money*, Morgan Housel offers a refreshing perspective that shifts the focus toward the behaviors that shape long-term outcomes. Instead of centering on technical formulas or market timing, he explores how emotions, habits, and personal experiences influence the way money is managed and sustained.

Favorite Quote:  
"Things that have never happened before happen all the time."  
« Las cosas que nunca han sucedido antes suceden todo el tiempo. »

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# MAY EVENTS

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SATURDAY  
**MAY 16**

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6:00 PM - Dinner  
7:00 PM - Performance

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Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00am

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**42nd Leader Luncheon**

The Seville in Streamwood, IL  
Thursday, May 14, 2026  
11:45 am - 1:00 pm

**125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Carol Gieske**  
Honorary Chair

**Erin Ramirez**  
Keynote Speaker

Celebrating leadership, service, and community impact.  
Join us as we honor this year's nominees.

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Please RSVP by **May 4** for seating requests.

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## May 4 – Monday

- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM May the 4th be with you: Star Wars Trivia at Old Republic Elgin

## May 5 – Tuesday

- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM National Small Business Week Virtual Summit (May 5–6)
- 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM Cinco de Mayo Business After Hours
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Elgin to Honor Preservation Efforts at Mayor's Awards
- 7:15 PM – 9:15 PM Toast of the Fox – Toastmasters Club Meeting

## May 6 – Wednesday

- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Chamber Member Orientation
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EAC E.A.R.N. Too Referral Group Meeting

## May 7 – Thursday

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM EAC E.A.R.N. I Referral Group Meeting
- 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM CEO Symposium 2026 with Old National Bank
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Human Resources Professional Monthly Webinar
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Are Your Independent Contractors Properly Classified?
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Let's Do Lunch at Carnitas 3 Hermanos with the EAC Staff
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Rotary Clubs of Elgin Foundation Event

## May 8 – Friday

- 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM Centro De Mayo

## May 9 – Saturday

- 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM Cruise Nights
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Jagged Little Cabaret at The Lodge Performing Arts Center

## May 10 – Sunday

- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Celebrate Your Mom at Johnny's Supper Club
- 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Opening Day/Mother's Day at the Fox River Trolley Museum
- 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- Leave the Cooking and Dishes to Us: A Mother's Day Fit for a Queen
- 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- It All Starts with Mom

## May 11 – Monday

- 6:30 AM – 9:00 PM Schaumburg Boomers Home Opener: Feel the Boom with Fireworks and Baseball!

## May 12 – Tuesday

- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM The Basics of Business Succession & Estate Planning: Multi-Chamber Webinar

## May 13 – Wednesday

- 7:45 AM – 9:00 AM Lavelle Law Presents an Entrepreneurial Boot Camp
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Ecker Center – St. Charles Grand Re-Opening & Open House

## May 14 – Thursday

- 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM Hoops & Handshakes Multi-Chamber Networking Breakfast
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Chamber E.A.R.N. III Referral Group Meeting
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Workers' Compensation Training
- 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM YWCA Leader Luncheon 2026
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Elgin History Museum Brown Bag Lunch: Entertaining Elgin

## May 15 – Friday

- 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM Touch A Truck

## May 16 – Saturday

- 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Family Service Association 3rd Annual 5K
- 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Geneva Adopt & Shop
- 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM Cruise Nights
- 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Elgin Symphony Orchestra Gala '26
- 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM The Greatest Piano Men at the Hemmens

## May 17 – Sunday

- 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM 10th Annual Clays for Kids Sporting Tournament
- 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Wildlife Baby Shower & Open House
- 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM Ribbon Cutting at HOTWORX

## May 20 – Wednesday

- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EAC E.A.R.N. Too Referral Group Meeting
- 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM EAC Ribbon Cutting Byron Furdge at Edward Jones

## May 21 – Thursday

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM EAC E.A.R.N. I Referral Group Meeting
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Conducting the HR Audit in Light of AI and Multi-State Developments

**VIEW FULL EVENTS DETAILS** 

Visit our calendar of events for details, updates, and registration.

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# MAY EVENTS

## May 23 – Saturday

- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Qigong Meditation at South Elgin Budokan Martial Arts
- 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM Cruise Nights

## May 24 – Sunday

- 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Mariachi Divas at Hemmens Cultural Center

## May 25 – Monday

- 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM Memorial Day Events: A Tribute to Heroes & History
- 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM Mount Hope Cemetery – Memorial Day Ceremony
- 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Lakewood Memorial Park – Memorial Day Ceremony

## May 26 – Tuesday

- 9:05 AM – 10:00 AM Chamber Chat Monthly Radio Broadcast

## May 27 – Wednesday

- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Retirement by Design Presentation

## May 28 – Thursday

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Chamber E.A.R.N. III Referral Group Meeting

## May 30 – Saturday

- 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM Cruise Nights



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**May Share Nights 4pm-8pm**

**Monday, 4th**  
St. Edwards High School

**Wednesday, 6th**  
TCT Sting Softball  
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**Monday, 11th**  
Kimball Middle School

**Tuesday, 12th**  
Elgin C.P.A.A.A.

**Wednesday, 13th**  
St. John's Church  
Bible Study

**Tuesday, 19th**  
Knights of Columbus  
#654

**Wednesday, 20th**  
Integrity Dance  
Foundation

Our Colby Jack Pub Burger ends this month!

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