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#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce supports our business community to enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

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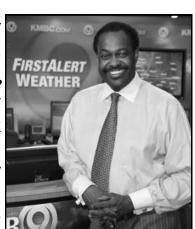
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# **MARCH MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**

Chief Meteorologist Bryan **Busby** quickly established himself as Kansas City's leading meteorologist in 1985. In addition, Bryan serves as Chief Meteorologist for The Chiefs Fox Football Radio Network and is heard on NewsRadio 980 and 98.1 FM, KMBZ. Bryan has put KMBC-TV on the "weather map" with innovative Weather," "Guaranteed like programs "EarthStation," "Weather-To-Go," "Bryan Goes to School," and "Instant Weather Network". Fun. interaction. community outreach are key ingredients that make Bryan Kansas City's favorite television personality!





WHEN: Wednesday, March 25

WHERE: REAP Community Room, 9300 E. 75th Street

\$16.00 per person - RSVP by Monday, Mar. 23

#### **LUNCHEON RSVP POLICY**

➤ Reservations must be made by NOON on the Monday before luncheon.

➤ Cancellations will be accepted until 24 hours prior to the luncheon. Cancellation after 24 hours, or No-shows will be invoiced with a \$2.00 fee added.

#### **Sponsored by:**



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#### Do you want to know what is happening in Raytown?

Go to www.ThinkRaytownFirst.com and click on the Community Calendar. There is also a place to sign up to receive future emails about The Community Survey is still on the What's Happening in Raytown! website. We want to know what you know about Raytown. If you are on Facebook, please go out and like Think Raytown First and spread the word. Don't forget the Raytown Chamber also has a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Stay up to date on all that is happening in the  ${f \sharp}$ Raytown Chamber as well as the community in general.

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

At the February membership luncheon, Mayor David Bower provided those in attendance on a journey of the last eight years. The City has seen growth in their business community as well as recognition within the region. The Raytown Chamber presented Mayor Bower with a photo book as a token of their appreciation. The book takes Mayor Bower on an 8 year journey through your two terms as Mayor. The Chamber ordered an extra copy to be donated to the Raytown Historical Society to put with all the Mayor memorabilia. There is a copy at the Chamber office if anyone is interested in looking at the book.

Don't forget to stop by the After Hours Networking on Thu. Mar. 5 and the A.M. Connections Networking, Tues. Mar. 17!

My door is always open, come by anytime! Vicki Turnbow. President



Thank you for your 8 years of dedicated service to the Raytown Community!



# SPONSORSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE!!!

#### **LUNCHEON SPONSOR:**

Serve as a host to greet the attendees, put information at each place setting, 5 minutes on the agenda to talk about your business, company listed in the newsletter & Chamber's website. The cost of the luncheon sponsorship is \$160.00

July 22 (Raytown Economic Development Update) & August 26 (Legislative Luncheon)

#### **NETWORKING EVENT SPONSOR:**

A.M. Connections are the third Tues. of the month at 7:30-8:30am. After Hours are the first Thur. of the month at 4:30-5:30pm. Receive 16 invitations to distribute to your customers, company listed in the newsletter & Chamber's website. Provide some beverages/refreshments, of your choice. The cost of the networking sponsorship is \$50.00 for each event.

After Hours: Apr. 2 - May 7 - June 4 - Sept. 3 - Oct. I - Nov. 5

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# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DATES: March I - May 29, 2015

- New Member Packets will be emailed out to each current member sometime in February through Constant Contact. Please forward this packet to anyone you feel would be a great Chamber member. Printed packets will be available for pickup at the Chamber office.
- → The current Chamber member who brings in the most new members will receive \$500 Cash; the second most \$250 and the third most \$100. Each member that brings in one member will be put into a drawing to receive one of three \$50.00 cash prizes. These will be announced at the June membership luncheon.
- At the March, April and May luncheons all members who brought in a member that month, will be in a drawing for a gift (to be determined).
- **▶** Each application received will be dated and if the recruited by space is left blank, staff will contact the company to see who they were recruited by. To be eligible for the cash prizes, the application and check for the full membership dues must be received before end of business May 29.

Help us grow OUR Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce!

# MEMBER

# MARKET





## **NEED A RENTAL HALL?**

PARTIES ~ DANCES ~ RECEPTIONS ~ MEETINGS

SERVING THE GREATER KC AREA, THE HALL IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED 11/2 MILES SOUTH OF THE TRUMAN SPORTS COMPLEX ON BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF AT SNI-A-BAR ROAD.

OFFICE HOURS: TUE.~SAT. 8AM~12PM

5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff 816-356-4962



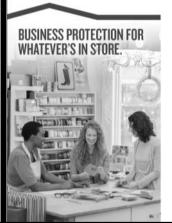
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#### COME OUT AND MEET THE RAYTOWN CANDIDATES!

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor with the League of Women Voters of Kansas City/ Jackson, Clay and Platte Counties, a Mayoral Candidate Forum and a Raytown Alderman Candidate Meet & Greet.

# The Forum and Meet and Greet will be held at Raytown City Hall in the Council Chambers on March 31, 2015 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

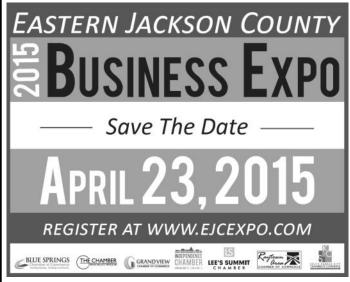
The Mayoral Candidate Forum will be first on the agenda running from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Each Mayoral Candidate will answer questions submitted in writing from the audience and will also give a closing statement.

In the Meet and Greet, each alderman candidate will have five minutes to introduce him or herself and then answer this question: What would you like to achieve in a 4 year term as an Alderman for the City of Raytown? Candidates will be called up by ward and placement on the ballot. Following the presentations, the audience is invited to meet the candidates individually.

The forum is free and open to the public. We encourage you to attend and take this opportunity to become an educated voter.



Questions, please contact Vicki Turnbow, Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce at 816-353-8500.



# Meet the Area's Best & Brightest:

Thursday, April 23, 2015 will find some of the most successful and dynamic companies operating throughout Eastern Jackson County on the main floor of the Independence Events Center for the Eastern Jackson County Business Expo.

From 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm that day, dozens and dozens of the most recognizable business names in Missouri's second largest county will be displaying, explaining, and demonstrating their products and services for the representatives of their fellow businesses in Eastern Jackson County and potential customers/ clients.

With each participating business inviting their 50 best customers from the region to be their guest at the event, attendance is expected to exceed several thousand qualified prospects. The Eastern Jackson County Business Expo is also open to the general public for \$10.

#### Why should a business exhibit at the 2015 Eastern Jackson County Business Expo?

- 1. To network with hundreds of potential new customers and business decision makers.
- 2. Showcase their company, products, and services in a unique business environment.
- 3. Touch base with established customers to showcase new products or services, renew relationships and thank them for their business.





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#### **NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS**

#### RAYTOWN COMMUNITY INTERFAITH ALLIANCE Rex Block, President

Meets @ REAP-2<sup>nd</sup> Thu. II:45am 816-304-5373 rcifa99@gmail.com rcifa.org Not for Profit Organization

Recruited by Holly Grimwood

HERNDON CAREER CENTER
Cheryl Reichert, Angela Arnold

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Raytown MO 64138
816-268-7140
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Raytownschools.org
Schools
Recruited by (secondary location)

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Michele Shanahan DeMoss

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Kansas City MO 64133
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blairssocks@gmail.com
blairsfostersocks.org
Not for Profit Organization
Recruited by Kaylie Baker

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Raytown MO 64133
816-419-2794
bestsecurity@comcast.net
alarmkc.com
Security Systems
Recruited by Michele Shanahan De-

#### **CHAMBER RENEWALS**

Awards & T-Shirt Specialists, Inc. 2012

Angela O'Donohue Kris Turnbow 2012

**⊖**Hope Network of Raytown 2008

Christie Hammond

©Heartland Cremation & Burial Society

1994 Andrew Loos

Fun House Pizza & Pub 1980 Gary Graham

**⊙Sherwin-Williams Co. 2005** 

Derrick Stephens, Jessica Gates

© Public Water Supply Dist. #2 1990 Pat Ertz, Fred Hartwell, Jim McClanahan,

Joe O'Dwyer, Richard Tush, George Yocum

Advanced Eyecare 1985

Lawrence Reed OD, Melissa Enevoldsen OD, Jeffrey Harter OD, Dana Krause OD, Christine Mitts OD, Richard Wilson OD

Eric's Salon 1984 Ron Berkvam Rick's Auto Clinic 2008

Rick Stangl, Shawn Stangl, Leigh Ann Edwards Cleaves-Bessmer-Marietti, Inc. 1973

R.L. "Duff" Greenwood

Freedom Locksmith 2014 Gary Howe

©Hidden Lake Care Center 2013

Greta Wakefield, Mary Galvan

Guenther Mills Keating Architects Inc. 2001

Stephen Guenther

Raytown Community Interfaith Alliance

Mid America Coach 2009

Peter Beren, Bill Lanham, Julie White
Liberty Tax Service 2004 Bruce Stansberry
Sci-Tech Automotive 2014 John Schupp

\*\* We would like to thank our members who gave 110%.

Welcome!



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...

**Leadership:** President, Rex Block **Address:** Monthly Meeting at REAP, 9300 E. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Raytown, MO 64138

Phone: 816-304-5373 Email: RCIFA99@gmail.com Web: www.rcifa.org

Founded: 2001 Chamber Member Since: January 2015!

Number of Employees: None, all volunteer

**Hours of Operation:** Monthly meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (New time!)

**Services/Products:** RCIFA organizes the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and Community Thanksgiving Service, and helps organize the annual MLK Jr. Multicultural Celebration. RCIFA members also lead the prayer at monthly Board of Alderman meetings. The monthly meetings are a vital opportunity for people of different faiths in Raytown to share information and work together in God's service.

**Future Plans:** The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church of Raytown. The keynote speaker will be Dan Meers, the mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs and author of the book "Wolves Can't Fly" which details how Dan survived a life threatening accident at Arrowhead Stadium. Chiefs owner Clark Hunt said of Dan's book, "The principles Dan shares in this book about his faith, his family and his football team are more than just good suggestions – they are essential to a life of passion and purpose." Ticket information for the breakfast is at www.rcifa.org.

**Business Philosophy:** RCIFA is a gathering where people of all faiths in Raytown can foster understanding and good will and work together on matters of community concern.

Our Business is a Chamber Member because: The RCIFA wants to do a better job of reaching out to all segments of the Raytown community and to engage people of all faiths, clergy and laity alike, in our monthly gatherings and special events that celebrate both our diversity and unity. The Chamber is a natural vehicle to help do that!

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# Our Members in the News



Cornerstone Home Improvement

5056 Blue Ridge Blvd.



# RAYTOWN CHAMBER MEET & GREET

The first Meet & Greet for 2015 was attended by over 45 members. Thank you to Four Points by Sheraton and Helen Harrington for hosting the event for us.





# RIBBON CUTTING CEREMON

CommunityAmerica Credit Union's new Raytown Community Financial Center is the first branch of its kind opened by a credit union in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The Center, conveniently located inside the Hy-Vee 9400 E. 350 Highway, features a new, modern banking concept where members can make financial transactions via our smart ATMs or get assistance from one our Financial Relationship Consultants standing ready to serve members. This model offers

members the most convenient experience possible, providing more opportunities for them to engage with our branch team on matters that help them achieve financial freedom with the right products at the right time, whatever their situation.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** 



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# Upcoming Member Events



### MARCH AFTER HOURS NETWORKING

The event will be held at FIRST FEDERAL BANK, 9330 E. GREGORY BLVD. Come by anytime between 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. to have a refreshment and network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to see the business who has agreed to host the After Hours and find out what they can offer to you.

The Membership Services – Retention Committee would like to invite you to a **LUNCH & LEARN** on **Wed. March 11**.

# BASIC CPR TRAINING

It will be held at the **Raytown EMS building, 10020 E. 66th Terr.,** starting promptly at 11:30 to 12:30. Registration will open at 11:15. The cost will be \$10.00 per person and will include lunch.

\*Reservations are required and due by Friday March 6. Limited to 18 attendees.



#### ROYAL MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

10501 E. 47TH STREET- KANSAS CITY, MO 64133

#### TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

- 11:00 a.m. Registration, lunch, putting contest, silent auction
- 1:00 p.m. Shot-gun start 4 person scramble multiple flights
- Awards ceremony & reception immediately following tournament
- Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in two flights

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#### Sponsorships available.

Not a golfer, but still want to participate?

SIGN UP TO BE A VIRTUAL GOLFER!





# RAYTOWN DAY AT THE ROYALS

# SUNDAY, JUNE 7 1:10 P.M.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS VS. TEXAS RANGERS

Don't miss the fun and excitement
— join your community for a great day at the K!

# <u>APRIL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON</u>

# CELEBRATING THE HOME TEAM



April's monthly luncheon will be held on **Wed. April 29** at the Royals Crown Club. This luncheon is a kick-off for the beginning of the Royals season and for Raytown Day at the Royals (June 7). The speaker will be Toby Cook, Vice President Community Affairs & Publicity.

Administrative Professionals Day is that month, so make a reservation for your administrative assistant to show your appreciation for all his/her hard work.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 (one week later than usual)

WHERE: Kauffman Stadium, Crown Club

\$21/person - RSVP by Monday, Apr. 27

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# **MARCH 2015**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date calendar	2	3	4 12:00pm Member Services - Recruitment Cmte.	5 4:30-5:30pm <b>After Hours</b> <b>Networking</b>	6 UNISSOURIUS VERICUS	7
8	9	10	    :30am  Lunch  & Learn	12 <b>7:15am</b> Board of Directors	13	14
15	16	CONNECTIONS 7:30a.m.	18	19	20 8:00am Government Relations Open Round Table Discussions	21
22	12:00pm ➤DEADLINE ← For lunch reservations	24 8:30am Golf Tournament Committee	11:30am MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON	26 10:00am Community Health Fair Task Force	27 8:30am Member Services - Retention Cmte.	28
29	30	31 <b>6:30pm</b> Raytown Candidate Forum				28