

# 2015 Annual Report

# Board of Directors

Mark Smith, Chair of the Board Dick Smith Ford

**Michelle Williams,** Chair Elect Mission of Hope Clinic

**Jeff Hirst,** Secretary/Treasurer Adam's Mark Hotel & Conference Cntr.

**Loretha Hayden**, Past Chair Lutfi's Fried Fish

# At Large Members

Mike Gatschet Dick Smith Ford

## Board Members

**Kaylie Baker** Rok'it Advertising

Melissa Beall Longview Funeral Home & Cemetery

Pam Clark Clark's Appliances

Pat Ertz Public Water Supply Dist. #2

**Steve Mock** City of Raytown

**Holly Grimwood** Raytown Emergency Assistance Program

Rene Purtee Arvest Bank

**Bruce Stansberry** Liberty Tax Service

Derek Ward KCP&L

**Mahesh Sharma**, Liaison City of Raytown

**Dr. Allan Markley**, Liaison Raytown Quality Schools

**Steve Guenther**, Liaison Raytown Main Street Assoc.



Vicki Turnbow, President

Kyle Phillips, Operations Manager



It's hard to believe that 2015 and my time as Chamber Chair has come to an end. It's been another really good year for our Chamber and I hope you were able to come out for a number of our many events. The monthly luncheons were especially good this year and my

thanks to the Membership Services Committee and Vicki for putting together an outstanding series of speakers including the annual Mayor's State of the City address, this being David Bowers' final one. Other speakers included Raytown School Superintendent Dr. Allan Markley, Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders, the Commissioner of the Missouri Transportation Commission, Mr. Stephen Miller, a lively government forum with a number of our state and federal representatives, and more.

Speaking of government, in 2015 Raytown welcomed a new mayor, Mike McDonough. Mayor McDonough has shown a keen interest in the Chamber and the business community and the Chamber looks forward to working with him in the coming years.

The Membership Services Committee has already been hard at work putting together an exciting schedule of activities and events for 2016. Look for our annual Raytown Night at the Royals, lots of great luncheon speakers, A.M. Connections, Lunch and Learns, after hour Meet and Greets, golf tournament and much more. I hope you are trying to participate in all that the Chamber has to offer that your calendar will allow. We truly have a terrific Chamber of Commerce with a lot of fantastic people. If you don't feel like you're getting your money's worth, well, you're not really trying.

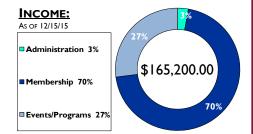
I would like to thank all of the people who made my year as Chair go as smoothly as possible. Thank you to the Board and especially to the committee chairs, all of who put in a lot of time and effort. I'd also like to say a special thanks to Chair-Elect Michelle Williams and Sec./ Treas Jeff Hirst for their work and support during this past year. Of course, we wouldn't have a Chamber without our staff. Thank you to Kyle and Vicki, but especially Vicki. She is a very special person who works very hard and cares a great deal about the Chamber and the Raytown community.

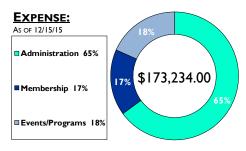
Lastly, thank you for your membership in the Chamber and thank you for your support. I wish you a great 2016 and beyond.

Mark Smith, Dick Smith Ford

#### **NUMBER OF MEMBERS:**

Total	263
Businesses	215
Not for profit	28
Individuals/Associates	13
Lifetime	7
Additional reps	130
Total Employees	11945





#### **CHAMBER IS A MEMBER OF:**

Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry Chamber of Commerce Executives of Missouri Better Business Bureau of Greater KC Missouri Economic Development Council

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

#### **Membership Services Committee**

- Jeff Hirst,

Adams Mark Hotel & Conference Center Rene Purtee, Arvest Bank Michelle Williams, Mission of Hope Clinic Pat Searcy, Power On Technologies

#### **Government Relations Committee**

Madeline Romious, AT&T
 Josh Greene, Alderman, City of Raytown

#### Raytown Night at the Royals

- Jason Hanson, City of Raytown

#### Chamber/Rotary Club Golf Tournament

 Terry Landers, Raytown Quality School Board Brenda Gustafson, City of Raytown

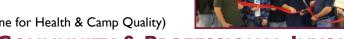
#### **Raytown Young Professionals**

Holly Grimwood, REAP
 Kaylie Baker, Rok'lt Advertising

#### **CHAMBER STAFF & BOARD HAS PARTICIPATED IN:**

- Board of Alderman Meetings
- Chamber Board Meetings
- Committee Meetings
- Community for All Ages Coalition Cmte.
- Eastern Jackson County Betterment Council
- Lunch & Learns
- MCC-Longview President's Advisory Council
- Monthly Luncheons
- Morning Coffee Networking
- New Member Meet & Greet
- REAP Board of Directors
- Raytown Educational Foundation
- Raytown Historical Society
- Raytown Main Street Association (Eggstravaganza & Holiday Lighting)
- Raytown Police Dept. CERT Member
- Raytown Police Dept. Safety Fair
- RQS Business & Marketing Meeting and Raytown Success Academy Mock Interview Process
- RQS Hall of Fame Weekend
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Steering Committee for the Deron Cherry
   Celebrity Golf Tour. (proceeds benefit Score One for Health & Camp Quality)





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### **COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:**

SERVING THE RAYTOWN AREA

January: Chamber Celebration

**February:** Ribbon Cutting - CommunityAmerica Credit Union Legislative Forum (RQS) - State of the City Address

**March:** Raytown Night with the Missouri Mavericks Candidate Forum – Raytown City Hall

**April:** Eastern Jackson County Business Expo Legislative Form (RQS)



Senior Expo

Ribbon Cutting - NewZroom Cafe

Raytown Chamber/Raytown Rotary Golf Tournament

June: Raytown Day at the Royals

Ribbon Cutting - RNR Tires & Custom Wheels

**July:** Re-scheduled Chamber/Rotary Golf Tournament Kc SourceLink Traveling Office

Small Business Bootcamp

Raytown Summer Lunch Program

August: RQS Convocation Raytown Health & Community Fair Ribbon Cutting - RSHS Stadium Legislative Luncheon Raytown Arts & Music Festival

September: Raytown's Senior Celebration

Ribbon Cutting - Best Security & Shepherd's Center of Raytown

RQS Hall of Fame

October: 11th Annual Mega Office Party - Ribbon Cutting - Pop That Thang

Chair's Round Table Discussions

**November:** Ribbon Cutting – AT&T Custom Communications & Mission of Hope Clinic

**December:** RMSA – Holiday Lighting Ribbon Cutting – Crane Brewing Company











