



CHAMBER CONNECTIONS

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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APRIL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

CELEBRATING THE HOME TEAM



April's monthly luncheon will be held on **Wed. April 29** at the Royals Diamond 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, Diamond Club
\$21/person - RSVP by Monday, Apr. 27

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.



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- ~ Must be able to catch a baseball from 60 feet away.
- ~ Must purchase a ticket to the game & bring your own glove.



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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 What's Happening in Raytown! The Community Survey is still on the 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 Raytown Chamber as well as the community in general.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Don't miss this opportunity to promote your business to those individuals looking to relocate to the area by missing this important deadline!

The Raytown Chamber will be taking relocation packets to the Cerner headquarters around the middle of April. These packets will be given to those interested in moving to the area because of a job change.

Cerner broke ground in November of 2014 on a \$4.45 billion project intended to house 16,000 new Cerner workers within the decade. This 10-year plan to redevelop the former Bannister Mall site in south Kansas City is moving forward under the official name of the "Trails Campus". This campus is located only minutes from Raytown.

The relation packets will include this year's Raytown Chamber Community Profile & Chamber Directory, the City of Raytown April 2015 Newsletter along with brochures, business cards, menus, etc. from businesses in the Raytown area. These individuals may want to buy a house, rent a house or an apartment, know where to buy groceries, which hotels are close, information on the school district, what non-profit organizations are active in Raytown, which restaurants to eat at just to name a few things we would love to have for the packets.

The Raytown Chamber is asking for 50 of items you want to provide for the packets and the items must be received *before Friday, April 10*. Questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 816-353-8500. What a great way for others to "Think Raytown First"!

Don't forget to stop by the **A.M. Connections Networking, Tues. April 21 at Bickford Assisted Living!**

My door is always open, come by anytime!

Vicki Turnbow, President

EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY
2015 BUSINESS EXPO

Independence Events Center
19100 East Valley View Parkway

APRIL 23, 2015
2:00 - 7:00pm

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 to 7:00 pm that day, many 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 and potential customers/clients. **The Expo is open to the general public for \$10.**

EACH ONE → REACH ONE

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DATES: March 1 - May 29, 2015

- New Member Packets have been emailed out to each current member 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



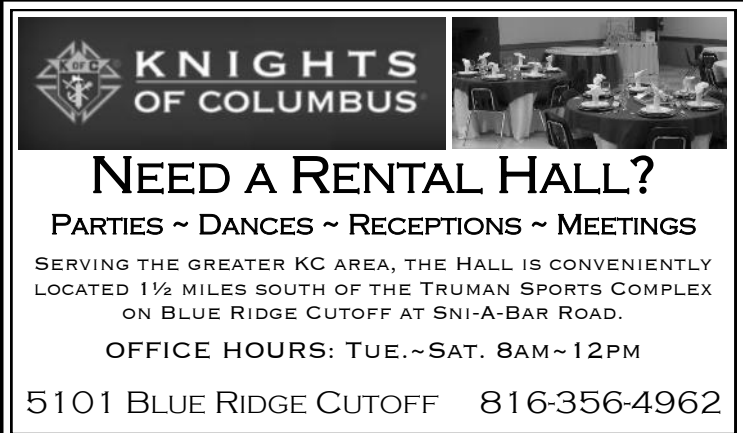
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OFFICE HOURS: TUE.~SAT. 8AM~12PM

5101 BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF 816-356-4962



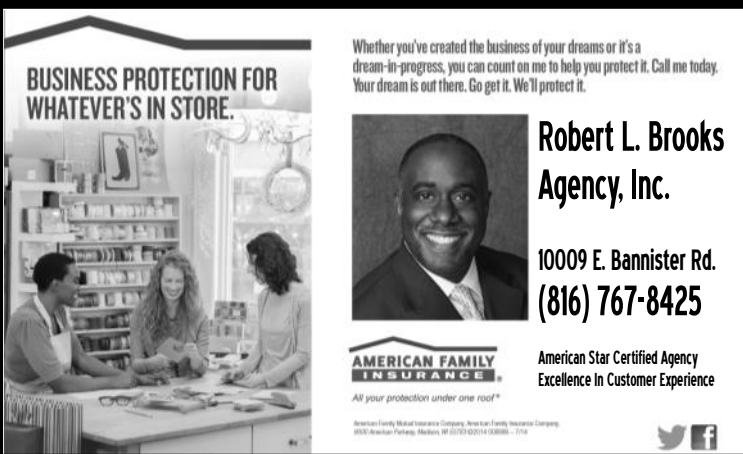
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The Summer Job League is a workforce placement program that helps emerging workers (ages 16-24) earn workplace skill certificates and connect with area businesses. Youth gain real-world work experience while earning a paycheck, and

supporting businesses access high-quality candidates at NO cost! Join the League today Connect with qualified candidates that have completed workforce development skills training for NO cost and NO workers' compensation responsibilities.

The Summer Job League—a true community partnership.

Everyone needs to start somewhere. Why not make someone's start a great one by supporting the Summer Job League—a job placement program where work-ready candidates (ages 16-24) are offered valuable work experiences locally with no cost to the participating businesses. That's right, NO wage responsibilities and NO workers' compensation responsibilities.

All league workers will have completed work readiness training prior to placement. Eligibility for the program is largely based on income and positions are for candidates that need these opportunities most. Early work experience helps lay a strong foundation for our youth to become contributing members of the community. Support your community by providing Missouri's emerging workforce with summer employment. At this time, the program is only available for businesses and job seekers located in the Greater Kansas City and St. Louis areas.

Company Worksite Information

Employers are responsible for identifying the positions that are available at their worksite. The positions should be supervised by an individual who has the capacity to provide the training and support to the youth worker. Employers are responsible for: establishing tasks participants will be performing, supervising the youth worker, coordinating with the Summer Job League staff to ensure the work experience is meaningful, resolving any issues that may arise with the youth, and providing constructive feedback to the youth regarding their work performance.

As a participating business, you are not responsible for the recruitment, placement or payment of the youth. These activities will be coordinated by the Summer Job League staff.

When developing Summer Job League job descriptions and training goals, please remember the goals should be able to be accomplished within a maximum 240-hour timeframe. The job description should describe the skills the youth will learn during the work experience. summerjobs.mo.gov/summerjobs



Governor Nixon in KC promoting the program

MOCK INTERVIEWS RAYTOWN SUCCESS ACADEMY

Several months ago, the Raytown Chamber Staff and Members participated in this school project at the Alternative School. We have been approached to help with this project again. Please take a moment to read the information provided by Mr. William Grother and Mr. Tom Roper. You should contact them directly with any questions or to sign up to be a company that will participate.

We want to invite Raytown businesses to participate in the next round of Mock Interviews. This is a school project at the Alternative school in the Raytown School District. Business owners will come to our school and conduct mock interviews with the students. This interaction of students and local business owners will be a positive reinforcement for students as they leave high school and go out into the world to acquire a good job. We hope that many Chamber members will help us with these interviews and teach our students what an employer is looking for in an employee. We are thinking about a 15 minute interview and then a 5 minute constructive criticism to help each student learn their strengths and weaknesses. Thank you for your help in this matter and I look forward to speaking to your members about helping our students. We will hold this event on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the alternative school, 10750 E. 350 Hwy, from 8 am until 10:30 am.

Raytown Quality Schools - tom.roper@raytownschools.org - william.grother@raytownschools.org - 816.268.7116

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS**RAYTOWN TOUCHDOWN CLUB****Kevin Page**

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Kevin.page@raytownschools.org

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David Buckley

☺ **Mitch Crawford's Holiday Motors 2014** Mike Crawford☺ **Laurel Animal Hospital 1978** Loren G. Tucker, DVM☺ **Stained Glass School, Inc. 2012** Katei Gross☺ **Donald Schmitt 1992**☺ **Teetering Rocks Golf Course 1989**

Connie Vance, Taylor Triggs

☺ **Jackson County 2013** Johnny M. Sweeney, Jr., Miriam Hennesy☺ **Electrical Corporation of America 1978** Don Laffoon☺ **St. John Francis Regis 2014** Jen Scanlon-Smith☺ **Sutherlands Lumber 2014** Mike Weber*Welcome!**☺ We would like to thank
our members who gave 110%.***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: May 7 - June 4 - Sept. 3 - Nov. 5

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...**

Blair's
Foster Socks

Blair Michaela Shanahan Lane had a vision unlike that of most 11-year olds. She dreamed of starting Foster Socks, a non-profit organization in which people would donate clothes, socks, and other necessities to support foster families and children in distressed situations in Kansas City and beyond.

Unfortunately, Blair never lived to see her dream become a reality.

Our non-profit organization, Blair's Foster Socks, was formed to carry on Blair's legacy and realize her charitable vision. Her mother, Michele Shanahan -DeMoss, is dedicated to keeping her light alive by encouraging others to donate clothes, socks, and monetary contributions to children in distressed situations. Through Blair's non-profit organization, foster kids and other children in distressed situations receive the necessities that ease the daily struggles they face.

Our non-profit organization isn't just about providing items, though — we also work to provide hope. When you choose to donate clothes or socks to our non-profit organization, you help provide a little comfort and dignity to children and families in distressed situations in Kansas City and nationwide. Likewise, when you donate funds to our Kansas City charity, you better enable us to support children in distressed situations by covering our costs of operations, and providing necessities and scholarships to children in need. **BlairsFosterSocks.org**



Our Members in the News

A.M. Connections Networking at ...



Power On Technologies

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Visit MCCFlightsofFancy.org for more information

2015 MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 7th 7:00 - 8:15am

Raytown First Baptist Church

(10500 E. 350 Hwy.)

Doors will open at 6:45

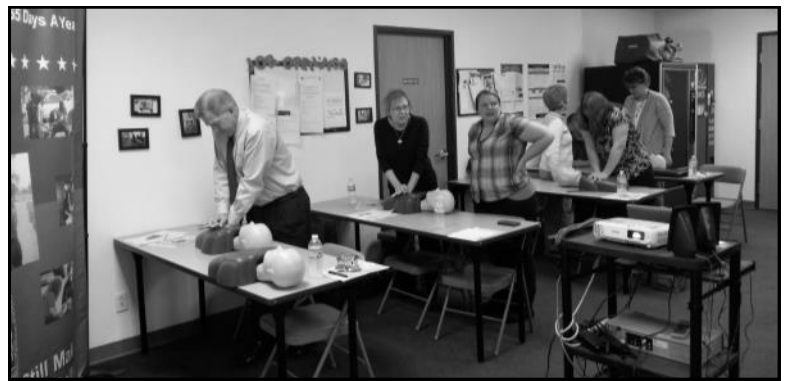
Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Raytown Hy-Vee for \$10 each or \$75 for a reserved table of 8. (Cash or debit cards accepted only.) Tickets will be sold for \$12 at the door.

The keynote speaker will be author and mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs, Dan Meers. Join the new Raytown Mayor, civic leaders and community members as we pray for Raytown and our world.

For information: 816-356-6375



A Lunch & Learn was held at the Raytown EMS where we learned about heart attacks, cardiac arrest, strokes and the new basic CPR procedures.



Upcoming Member Events

APRIL A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING

The next "A.M. Connections" event will be held at **BICKFORD ASSISTED LIVING, 9110 E. 63RD STREET**. Come by anytime between **7:30 to 8:30 a.m.** to network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to see the business who has agreed to host the event and find out what they can offer to you!



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Good Turn For Raytown

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

REAP Building
9300 East 75th Street, Raytown
Networking and Food at 7:00 AM
Program at 7:30 AM
Closing at 8:00 AM

Please join us for a fundraiser breakfast to recognize and support the impact that Scouting has in Raytown. Speakers include Scouts, Scout Leaders and Mayor David Bower.

Join us on for our first **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORKING** event. Enjoy some complimentary local brews, coffee, & food, while networking with other 20 & 30-somethings in the area. Send someone from your office to be a part of the conversation!

No cost required, simply bring your business cards & some ideas about what you want to see out of a Young Professionals group in Raytown.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 15th 5:30-7pm
WHERE: @ the Chamber Office
5909 Raytown Trafficway

To register for this event, contact Vicki Turnbow at president@raytownchamber.com or 816-353-8500
For questions or comments, contact Holly Grimwood at holly@raytownreap.org

Shepherd's Center of Raytown is looking for volunteers to help with our annual **Spring Clean Up**, it will be on **May 2nd at 8:30am-?** If you have any questions please contact Sandy Phillips at 816-356-9000 or email volcoordinator@sbcglobal.net please reply by Apr. 24th



Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Raytown Rotary Club

GOLF TOURNAMENT

MAY 29, 2015

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

Sponsorships still available:

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Lunch Sponsor \$300

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WHEN: Wed, May 27

- Networking begins at 11:00am, Lunch at 1:30am

WHERE: REAP Community

Room, 9300 E. 75th Street

\$16.00/person - cash/check/credit at the door

- RSVP by Mon. May 25

Not a golfer, but still want to participate?

SIGN UP TO BE A VIRTUAL GOLFER!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date calendar</p>			<p>1 12:00pm Member Services - Recruitment Cmte.</p>	2	<p>3 8:30am Golf Tournament Task Force</p>	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	<p>15 5:30pm YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORKING</p>	<p>16 7:15am Board of Directors</p>	<p>17 8:00am Government Relations Open Round Table Discussions 4:30pm RQS Legislative Forum</p>	18
19	20		22		<p>24 8:30am Member Services - Retention Cmte.</p>	25
26	<p>27 12:00pm ➤DEADLINE◀ For lunch reservations</p>	<p>28 10:00am Senior Celebration Task Force</p>	<p>29 11:30am MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON</p>	30		