



**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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*May each of our members have a  
Safe & Happy Holiday Season!  
Our sincere Thanks for your commitment  
& good will throughout the year!*

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## “THINK RAYTOWN FIRST” – this Holiday Season!

If each person bought an extra item, paid for an additional service or even bought an item they normally buy outside the city limits of Raytown – think what that would do to city services, to taxes and even more importantly to that local business.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With the end of the year upon us, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank a few people. First of all, Mark Smith. Each year, someone within the Raytown Chamber volunteers to be the Chair of the Board. I have the honor and privilege to work with some great people and this year is no exception. Mark is a true professional. He loves what he does and it shows. He is a great mentor and over the past year been a great boss! The guidance he has provided will always be appreciated and will be missed.

Second, Kyle Phillips. Kyle and I have been together since April 2007. We work together as a team and hopefully you see that. We know when each other needs some space and we know when some extra attention is needed. In 2016 Kyle will start his 14<sup>th</sup> year with the Chamber and in April I will start my 10<sup>h</sup>. I couldn't ask for a better person to have on my team!

Third, the membership. The Chamber would not be here if we didn't have the membership. No matter the role you play, you are appreciated. Everyone in the Raytown Chamber plays a vital role in making sure we are as successful as we can be. **Thank you!**

If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, A.M. Connections or an After Hours, please contact the Chamber today. These sponsorships sell out fast.

The office will be closed Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25 as well as Thursday, December 31 and January 1.

Happy holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



*Vicki Turnbow, President*

## **OPERATION THANK YOU!**

The Board of Directors will be personally delivering the **2016 Community Profile and Membership Directory** starting in January.

This is a way for us to say thank you for your membership and continued support.

If you would like to help with Operation Thank You please let us know. This is a great way to introduce yourselves to your fellow Chamber members.



**Are you a business or organization that would love to get your logo noticed by young professionals in the Raytown area? The Raytown Young Professionals Networking Group is looking for a \$500 sponsor for 2016.**

**Benefits attached to this sponsorship include the following:**



- Logo on all marketing materials
- Logo with a link to your website on all emails pertaining to the rYp
- Participation in all rYp events in 2016 – up to two reservations
- The ability to meet and greet attendees at all rYp events in 2016

At this time, the rYp group is looking to meet between 2 to 4 times in 2016 which will include an “Un-professionals” Trivia Night in the spring. If you are interested in this sponsorship, please contact the Chamber today! Chairs for this networking group are Holly Grimwood, Raytown Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) and Kaylie Baker, Rok’it Advertising.

## MEMBER MARKET



### RICHEST PRODUCTIONS

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## THANK YOU TO OUR 2015 SPONSORS!!!

With the year coming to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the networking event and luncheon sponsors for their support. The luncheon programs were very successful this year in part due to their sponsorships. The A.M. Connections networking events have been a great way for businesses to get together on the way to the office.

### MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON SPONSORS

January - Central Bank of the Midwest      February - KCP&L      March - Westridge Gardens  
 April - Aviation Institute of Maintenance      May - UCM-Summit Center      June - Raytown Police Dept.  
 July - Rok'it Advertising      August - AT&T - KCP&L - Laclede Group-MGE  
 September - Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis Club      October - Bickford Assisted Living  
 November - Southeast Enterprises

### A.M. CONNECTIONS SPONSORS

January - DSB Services      February - Cornerstone Home Imp.  
 March - Power On Technologies      April - Bickford Assisted Living  
 May - Central Bank of the Midwest      July - Four Points by Sheraton  
 August - SERC Raytown      September - Westridge Gardens  
 October - Southeast Enterprises      November - Herndon Career Center  
 December - Google Fiber

### AFTER HOURS SPONSORS

March - First Federal Bank  
 August - Home Skillet  
 Sept. - Raytown Educational Foundation  
 October - Adam's Mark Hotel & Conference Center  
 November - Extreme Grand Prix



## HOST A NETWORKING EVENT AT YOUR BUSINESS!!!

The Raytown Chamber is looking for businesses to host a networking event. The **A.M. Connections Networking** events are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month and by hosting, you agree to provide the coffee from 7:30-8:30am. Listed below are the dates available and the sponsorship for each event is \$50.00.

If you are interested in hosting an **After Hours Networking** event, please contact the Chamber office today. All After Hours run from 4:30 to 5:30 and as the host you agree to provide some beverages/refreshments of your choice. We will look over the calendar and work to pick a date that best suits your needs.

By hosting a networking event you will be provided with 16 invitations to hand out to your customers or neighboring businesses, advertisement in the monthly newsletter, notification for 30 days in the weekly c-mail and a listing in the event calendar on the Chamber's website, [www.raytownchamber.com](http://www.raytownchamber.com). Morning Coffees/After Hours are offered on a first come first served basis.

### 2016 A.M. CONNECTIONS AVAILABLE:

Jan. 19 - Feb. 16 - Apr. 19 - May 17 - June 21  
 July 19 - Aug. 16 - Sept. 20 - Oct. 18 - Nov. 8



**NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS****ALLAN THOMPSON**

816-260-6573  
 athompson7823@gmail.com  
 Associate Member  
 Recruited by Vicki Turnbow

**MY YOGA CENTRE**

**Stephanie Haynes**  
 6111 Blue Ridge Blvd.  
 Raytown MO 641313  
 816-301-0832  
 stephagentry@gmail.com  
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**KZZ (EVENT CENTER)**

**Melanie Morrisey**  
 10028 E. 63rd Street  
 Raytown MO 64133  
 816-328-6399  
 Kzzraytown@gmail.com  
 Entertainment/Event Planning  
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**CHAMBER RENEWALS****SonRise Lawn & Tree 2012**

Jared Siems

**☺ Longview Funeral Home & Cemetery 2014**

Melissa Beall, Stephen Terry

**☺ Central Bank of the Midwest-IND 2007**

Kelly Madorin

**Metropolitan Community College-Longview 1991**

Linda Nelson, Ebony Bowman

**Land Specialties Mfg. Co., Inc.**

1972 Donald (Gene) E. Land

**USA800, Inc. 1978**

Tom Davis, Mike Douglas

**☺ Charlotte Belger 2000****Central Bank of the Midwest**

-KC 1991 Becki Maya

**☺ The Irish Pub House 2007**

April Harrington

**☺ Tom & Donna Gibbens 2008****CommunityAmerica**

**Credit Union 2009** James Shoaf

**☺ Raytown-Lee's Summit****Community Credit Union 1992**

Donna Bunton

**☺ Truman Heartland****Community Foundation 1996**

Phillip Hanson

*Welcome!*

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

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...**

**EXTREME  
 GRAND  
 PRIX**  
**INDOOR KARTING CENTER**

**OWNERS:** Chris Payne, Todd Crossley, Adam Tholen

**ADDRESS:** 6731 Blue Ridge Blvd Raytown MO

**PHONE :** 816-286-4156

**E-MAIL:** events@extremegrandprix.com

**WEB:** www.extremegrandprix.com

**FOUNDED:** opened May 2013

**CHAMBER MEMBER SINCE:** May 2013

**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:** 15

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Monday-Thursday 2pm-9pm,  
 Friday: 12-1pm, Saturday: 11am-11pm, Sunday: 12-8pm

**SERVICES/PRODUCTS:** High speed indoor electric go karts -  
 JR Go Karts - Bouncy houses - Arcade with redemption - pool tables  
 - dart boards - 28 flat screen televisions - food - adult beverages  
 & soft drinks

**FUTURE PLANS:** To be Kansas City's main attraction for small and large groups to have fun. Any Age!!!

**BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:** To give every customer the Extreme fun they have

**OUR BUSINESS IS A CHAMBER MEMBER BECAUSE:** We love our City!

# Our Members in the News



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**Herndon  
Career  
Center**  
  
**Extreme  
Grand Prix**  
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## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES

Join us as we congratulate these Chamber businesses!



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OF  
HOPE**



The November **Lunch & Learn** was held at the new **Crane Brewing Company** located at 6515 Railroad Street under the Raytown Road bridge.



Chamber members were given a program about the creation and operations of the brewery. The group was given a facility tour and samples of two of their beers. The owners hope to have a tap room open in the spring.



  
**CRANE  
BREWING**



The 2nd **Raytown Young Professionals** networking event was held on November 11 at Extreme Grand Prix. They heard from three experts, Patrick Searcy (Sales), Brian Bustos (Marketing) and Rene Purtee (Business Banking) who were able to answer questions in a round table format. Be watching for more details on the next RYP event – an “Un-professionals Trivia Night”.





# Upcoming Member Events

**Crane Brewing Company** is inviting the Raytown community, family, and friends to be a part of their grand opening. They will commemorate this exciting time with an official Ribbon Cutting with Chamber and City officials including Mayor Mike McDonough. The grand opening will be held on **Thursday, December 3, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** with the ceremony at 4:00 in front of the Brewery at **6515 Railroad Street.**



## HOLIDAY TREE Lighting Ceremony

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00 to 7:30pm

Pocket Park ~ Downtown Raytown  
63rd Street & Raytown Road



### A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING

The next "A.M. Connections" event will be a special **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION** held at the **Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce, 5909 Raytown Trafficway.** 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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## UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEONS

### 2015 Chamber Celebration

**WHEN: Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

**WHERE:** Four Points by Sheraton  
4011 Blue Ridge Cutoff

\$21.00 per person - RSVP by Monday, Jan. 25

**CELEBRATION SPONSOR: KCP&L**  
**LUNCHEON SPONSOR: Google Fiber**

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS  
**Mayor Mike McDonough**

**WHEN: Thursday, February 25, 2016**

**WHERE:** First Baptist Church of Raytown,  
10500 E. 350 Highway

\$21.00 per person - RSVP by Monday, Feb. 22

**LUNCHEON SPONSOR: KCP&L**

Southeast ENTERPRISES



# Thinkin' Green

Drop off your old holiday lights at any participating location during the holiday season.  
November 14th, 2015 Through January 16th, 2016. (Walmart locations will be accepting lights through December 31, 2015)



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# DECEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date calendar		1	2 12:00pm Membership Services Committee	3 3:30pm Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Crane Brewing Co.	4 6:00pm Holiday Lighting Ceremony 	5
6  HAPPY HANUKKAH	7  PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	8	9	10 7:15am Board of Directors RETREAT	11	12
13	14	15  AM CONNECTIONS 7:30A.M.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Chamber Closed	25 Merry Christmas Chamber Closed	26  KWANZAA
27	28	29	30	31 Chamber Closed	 Happy New Year	