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JUNE 2015

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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JUNE MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

20TH ANNIVERSARY – OKLAHOMA CITY FEDERAL BUILDING TERRORIST BOMBING
RETIRED ATF AGENT DAVE TRUE

The presentation will be a first-hand account presented by the now retired ATF Federal Agent, who was there as the Team Leader of the Agency's National Response Team assigned to the scene investigation on April 19, 1995, twenty years ago.

An inside look at how the crime was committed, the search and rescue efforts, the evidence collection process and the results of the investigation that led to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for this criminal act.

The agent's presentation will be supplemented by a display of artifacts and memorabilia that were gathered during his assignment and he will remain to answer questions of those interested in doing so.



WHEN: Wednesday, June 24

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

\$16/person - RSVP by Monday, June 22

Sponsored by:

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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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

Final numbers for the membership drive will be available in the July newsletter. We did not bring in as many new members as we had hoped, but we did bring in some great new members. The \$500 cash prize will be awarded to the person who brought in the most members between March 1 and the end of May. This will be done at the June 24 membership luncheon. We work to recruit new members all year round so if you have a business who wants information about joining the Chamber, please do not hesitate to contact the Chamber office.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have had our annual golf tournament. Photos and updates will be available in the July newsletter as well. Thank you to all who participated.

We are currently working to finalize all the details for the Raytown Health & Community Fair along with the Senior Celebration. Both of these events will be beneficial to the community and we hope your business will help us by being a sponsor. Questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

See you at the next event & enjoy the summer & remember that my door is always open, come by anytime!

Vicki Turnbow, President

Date Correction: The traveling office for KcSourceLink to be in Raytown is **Tuesday, July 21**. They will be at the Raytown Chamber from 1-4 p.m. with no appointment necessary. Interested or have questions, please contact Vicki at the Chamber office.

7 Pool Safety Tips That Can Save Lives

Taking extra safety steps around the water can mean the difference between a close call and a call to 911. Stay Close, Be Alert and Watch.

- **Always watch children;** never leave them unattended.
- Before you swim, locate nearby life-saving equipment such as life rings or reaching poles.
- Don't rely on "water wings," or other inflatables, to keep your child safe.
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings.
- Share safety instructions with family, friends and neighbors.
- Learn to swim and teach your children how to swim.
- Have a phone close by, at all times.



SPONSORSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE!!!

NETWORKING EVENT SPONSOR: 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: Sept. 3 - Nov. 5**

RAYTOWN HEALTH & COMMUNITY FAIR

SATURDAY AUGUST 8
10AM - 2PM
 THE POINT AT GRACEWAY
 5600 BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and CareSpot will partner to bring to the Raytown area a health and community fair this summer. If your organization is interested in participating in the fair and/or would like to be a Community sponsor for **only \$50**, please contact Vicki Turnbow at the Raytown Chamber. 353-8500 or president@raytownchamber.com



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PARTIES ~ DANCES ~ RECEPTIONS ~ MEETINGS

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

5101 BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF 816-356-4962



Market your business to more than 400 Chamber Members in the CHAMBER CONNECTIONS.

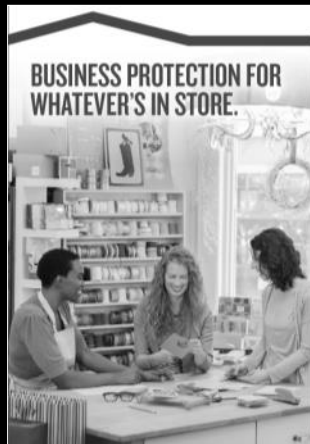
Business Card or 1/4 Page Space Available
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All marketing must be black & white.
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Contact the Chamber for more information.

You may also insert a full page brochure in the newsletter or buy a set of address labels to do a personal mailing.

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Tutera's Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation & Health Care Center Recognized on "Best Nursing Homes 2015" List

Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation & Health Care Center has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report on its annual "Best Nursing Homes 2015" list. The prestigious recognition marks the community's third consecutive year to earn a five-star rating for its consistently high standard of quality care. Westridge Gardens is a 120-bed skilled nursing facility located in Raytown, a suburb of Kansas City, Mo.

To qualify, Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation & Health Care Center had to earn an overall five-star quality rating from Nursing Home Compare, a program run by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the federal agency that sets and enforces standards for nursing homes. Each year, U.S. News & World Report awards a "Best Nursing Homes" designation to facilities that earned the agency's highest overall rating of five stars for performance in three categories: state-conducted health inspections, how much time nurses spend with residents, and the quality of medical care.

"This national recognition is a tremendous honor," said Joe Tutera, CEO of Tutera Group. "It reflects the intensive, daily dedication of the entire staff at Westridge Gardens. They continue to raise the bar in delivering Tutera's commitment to consistent, quality care that meets the individualized needs of our residents and their families."

Only 22 percent of all nursing homes in Missouri earned an overall five-star rating. Westridge Gardens' record of success also includes being recognized locally as the "Business of the Year" by the Raytown Chamber of Commerce in 2013. For more than 20 years, Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation & Health Care Center has provided a safe, residential environment offering a range of services including 24-hour skilled nursing care; physical, occupational and speech therapy, and short and long-term rehabilitation.

PROMOTION NEWS FROM ADAM'S MARK HOTEL

Congratulations to Jeff Hirst as our new Director of Sales & Marketing for the Adam's Mark Hotel-Kansas City. Jeff has an extensive background in sales & this is his second go around at our property. Jeff was the Dir. of Sales at the Sheraton Four Points. Prior to that he was with our property as the CoCo Key Marketing Coordinator. He was eager to learn & worked through many different areas of the office to gain more knowledge about our property and the sales efforts. He also has 10+ years' experience as an operations manager in the hospitality industry, including hotel opening experience.

Erica Berardelli has been promoted to Aquatics Director at the Adam's Mark Coco Key Water Resort. Erica started as a life guard wanting to earn extra wages. As she grew to appreciate the Aquatics business, her roles continued to grow & she showed a great interest in striving to get to the next level. Erica has worked every department in the Water Park and clearly displayed an ability to lead her team.

EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY 2015 BUSINESS EXPO

Seventy-six booths, seven Chambers and over 987 tickets collected came together on April 23 to participate in the Eastern Jackson County Business Expo. A big thank you to the Raytown Chamber members who participated.

We have already had a post meeting and looking for ways to improve the event in 2016.



NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

RNR TIRES & CUSTOM WHEELS**Jason Barton**

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Raytown MO 64133

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RNRWheels.com

Automobile Accessories/Parts

Recruited by Vicki Turnbow

*Mbr. Drive

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KANSAS CITY****Director** (in process of hiring)9150 E. 41st Terr.

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816-276-1400

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Schools/Colleges

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CHAMBER RENEWALS

☺ **Leath & Sons, Inc. 2012**

Jeff Leath

☺ **Dean Development 2001**

Ron Dean

Planet Fitness 2012 Seth Henson**RE&P Midwest****-Excavating/Plumbing 2012**

Larry Pence

McCraw & Company CPAS, PC**2014** Timothy McCraw, CPA**Millie's Cottage Accents****& Antiques 2014** Merlene Brush**Bordner Installation Group Inc.****1990** Rob Poettgen**The Bordner 2011**

Christina Calderon

Faith Presbyterian Church 2014

Sandra Melton

☺ **Westlake Ace Hardware 1995**

Matt Beikman

Google Fiber 2014

Rachel Hack Merlo

☺ **Laclede Group****-Missouri Gas Energy 1991**

Jabbar Wesley

☺ **Cole Pest Control 2014**

Helen Cole

Affordable Elegance Catering**2009** Dee-Dee Stokes**Kornis Electric Supply Inc.****2010** Gerry Schmitt☺ **D.W. Newcomer's****Floral Hills, Inc. 1972**

Kirk Kinsinger

Jimmy John's #1949-Raytown**2013** Scott Hinz**AT&T 1990** Madeline Romious**Beacon Press 2012**

George Schwagerman

6 Tips for Safer Walking and Running

If you enjoy the warmer weather by walking or running outdoors,
keep these personal safety tips in mind:

- Never walk alone and always let someone know where you are going.
- If listening to music, keep the volume low enough to hear surrounding noises.
- When running or walking, be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid areas where visibility is poor.
- Wear reflective material at night.
- Trust your instincts. Don't walk where you feel uncomfortable.

**Park Safety Tips**

Keep yourself and your valuables safe

- Always lock your vehicle.
- Don't leave valuable items in plain view inside of your car. Leave them at home or lock them in your trunk prior to arriving at your destination.
- Park in well lit, heavily traveled areas if possible.
- When you approach your car, have your key ready.
- Carry a cellphone in the event you need assistance.
- Trust your instincts. Don't walk where you feel uncomfortable.

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...****OWNERS:** Brenda Walters & Brad Kleoppel**ADDRESS:** 5056 Blue Ridge Blvd.**PHONE:** 816-737-0601 **EMAIL:** info@chi-kc.com**WEB:** www.cornerstonewindowsskc.com **FOUNDED:** 1997 **CHAMBER MEMBER SINCE:** 1997**# EMPLOYEES:** 8 **HOURS:** 8:30-4:00**SERVICES/PRODUCTS:** Install replacement windows, siding & doors with new high quality efficient products.**FUTURE PLANS:** To continue to grow.**BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:** We offer high quality products we would feel comfortable putting on our own home.

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OUR BUSINESS IS A CHAMBER MEMBER BECAUSE: We like to give back to the community & network with other business minded companies.

Our Members in the News

A.M. Connections Networking at ...



Central Bank of the Midwest

4668 Blue Ridge Blvd



Congratulations to Hertz Rent-A-Car Local Edition & NewZroom Café, two new Raytown businesses that celebrated with Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies last month.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS....

Fun Free Safety Fair

The Raytown Police Department will be hosting its fourth annual Safety Fair, an afternoon dedicated to crime prevention and awareness within the community. This event will allow the public to get an up close and personal look at Police Cars, Fire Trucks, Ambulances, and Public Works trucks. There will be activities, hot dogs and giveaways.

Bring your family and friends and join your neighbors for this free, family-friendly event on Saturday, June 27th, 2015 from 11:00 am to 2:00pm at Kenagy Park, 9716 E. 79th Street in Raytown!

Saturday, June 20th, 2015
 6pm 'til ???
At the Daily Double
 11509 E. 63rd Street



Steak & Shrimp Dinner, \$20.00
 (100% will be donated to REAP)
6pm 'til 8pm

Call (816) 737-1730 for Reservations

Dinner Includes
 Baked Potato Casserole & Salad
 Dessert Silent Auction
 (100% will be donated to REAP)
 6pm 'til 7pm

Live Music!!!
The Elsea Smith Band
 Dancing from 7pm 'til ???

Upcoming Member Events

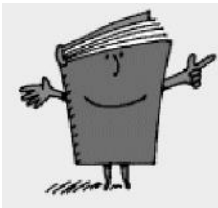
JUNE A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING

The next "A.M. Connections" event will be held at **BLUE RIDGE AUTO-TRUCK PLAZA, 6824 BLUE RIDGE BLVD.** 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!



The Membership Services – Retention Committee would like to invite you to a **LUNCH & LEARN** on **Wed. June 10.**

Employee Manual Updates by Shirley Lind, SPHR, CEBS – Senior Vice President Bukaty Companies



Communication between the employer and employees is critical to an organization's success. One of the most common ways to ensure a consistent message is through the Employee Handbook. The Handbook conveys important information and clarifies expectations. However, it must be carefully crafted to avoid misunderstandings or misstatements that can result legal liabilities. Join us to discuss topics to help you identify your specific needs and create a handbook that will fit your environment, workforce and culture.

It will be held at the **Four Points by Sheraton, 4011 Blue Ridge Cutoff**, 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 by Friday, June 5.

JULY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

“Topic to be determined”

WHEN: Wed, July 22

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

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

\$16.00/person - cash/check/credit at the door - RSVP by Mon. July 20

SPONSORED BY:



Planning is well under for the **2nd Annual Senior Celebration.** With the success of last year, the Task Force made the recommendation to the Board to set the date for 2015 for Saturday, September 12. Board approved the recommendation and we are only 90 days away.

Bickford Assisted Living, Hy-Vee and KCP&L have graciously agreed to be the Platinum sponsors again this year. The evening will begin at 5:00 pm with a buffet dinner, photo booth, prizes and line dance lessons from Raytown resident Curtis Smith. A theme of *Denim & Diamonds* was decided upon and attendees are asked to dress in their denim and diamonds. Tickets will go on sale July 15 and the cost to

attend is only \$10. Individuals can purchase tickets after that date either at Hy-Vee or the Chamber office.

A sponsorship form is included in this newsletter and we are looking for all levels of sponsorship except the Platinum level. Remember if you are a sponsor you have the opportunity to place a brochure or item in the gift bags given to each attendee as they leave and/or also to donate an item to be used in the raffle.

Questions, please do not hesitate to contact Vicki at the Chamber office.

Deadline to sign up for sponsorships will be July 24.





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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 3:00pm Senior Celeb. Task Force</p>	<p>2 2:00pm Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ RNR Tires & Custom Wheels</p>	<p>3 12:00pm Member Services - Recruitment Cmte.</p>	4	5	6
<p>7 RAYTOWN DAY AT THE ROYALS </p>	8	9	<p>10 11:30am LUNCH & LEARN</p>	<p>11 7:15am Board of Directors</p>	12	13
14	15	<p>16  AM CONNECTIONS 7:30A.M.</p>	17	18	<p>19 8:00am Government Relations Open Round Table Discussions</p>	20
21	<p>22 12:00pm >DEADLINE< For lunch reservations</p>	23	<p>24 11:30am MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON</p>	25	<p>26 8:00am Member Services - Retention Cmte.</p>	27
28	29	30				