



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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MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



UNDERSTANDING IMMIGRATION
– the Myths and the Facts

Angela Ferguson

Partner at Austin & Ferguson, LLC
International Immigration & Consular

Have you ever wondered why those undocumented immigrants don't come *legally*? Or *why* they come to the U.S.? What Immigrants are coming to Raytown Missouri? How are they coming?

Immigration and the Refugee crisis has been in the news a lot lately. Recently, Governor Nixon has remained neutral on the

resettlement of refugees from the crisis in the Middle East into Missouri. On the other side of the State line, legislators are pushing a bill to block Syrian Refugees, because of fear of terrorist attacks. Missouri has a long history of successfully and warmly welcoming refugees and immigrants, and it would be a shame to stop now, based upon mis-information and fear. Immigrants and refugees are business owners, workers, volunteers, and contribute to our community in so many ways. Did you know that Missouri is part of a national organization called **Welcoming America**? The organization provides city and county officials and community-based organizations with strategies and best practices for how to build a community climate that embraces and includes immigrant and refugee residents.

Local Immigration Attorney Angela Ferguson will try to answer these questions and dispel a few myths about our immigrant neighbors. Bring your questions and be ready for some discussion about ways that Raytown can be a Welcoming Community and reap some of the benefits of creating an atmosphere where everyone feels respected and a part of the economic, social, and cultural fabric of the community. If you have interest in learning about the immigration system, or how we can become a more welcoming community, join us for the presentation.

WHEN: Wed. March 23

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

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

\$16.00/person - Register by Monday, Mar. 21

Sponsored by:



LUNCHEON RSVP POLICY

- Registrations 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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UN-PROFESSIONALS



HOSTED BY:



Tuesday, March 15 6:00-8:00 pm

Doors open at 5:15 (teams need to be checked in before 6)

Location: Extreme Grand Prix

(6731 Blue Ridge Blvd, Raytown, MO 64133)

Drink & Food specials

Individuals welcome!

1st Place – Cash prize

2nd & 3rd Place – Prizes to be determined

\$5.00 per person up to a 5 member team

(at least 2 to be called a team)

Must pre-register and pay in advance



The Raytown School District is pleased to announce the hiring of Danielle Nixon as the Director of Communications and Community Relations. Nixon will begin her duties July 1, and replaces Cathy Allie, who will retire in June after 29 years in Raytown, the last nine in the director's role.

Nixon earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Maryland, and was hired by the District in 2012 as the Assistant Director of Communications and Community Relations. In addition to her communications duties, she serves as the Community Education Coordinator and Record Retention Team Lead.

"I came to Raytown with the hope and desire to become a part of and grow with the district and the community at large," Nixon said. "I'm excited for the opportunity ahead, and I look forward to continuing to serve our staff, families, and patrons."

Before coming to Raytown, Nixon served as a Communications Specialist for a digital forensic contractor in Elkridge, Maryland. Additionally, she worked on social media and internal communications projects for the National Archives and Records Administration.



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A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING

The next "A.M. Connections" will be held at **POWER ON TECHNOLOGIES, 5893 Raytown Rd, Suite 101. It will be held on Thursday March 17. . . St. Patrick's Day!** 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!



AFTER HOURS NETWORKING

The event will be hosted by the **UNITED CONSUMERS CREDIT UNION, 8730 E. 63RD STREET.** Come by anytime between **4:30 to 5:30pm** to have a refreshment & network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to see the business who has agreed to host the After Hours & find out what they can offer to you.

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.

Months available are: Sept. - Oct. - Nov. - Dec.

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, raytownchamber.com.

2016 A.M. CONNECTIONS AVAILABLE:

Aug. 16 - Oct. 18 - Nov. 8



MEMBER MARKET

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

Business Card or 1/4 Page Space Available - 3 months or 1 year Run
All marketing must be black & white. All marketing must be prepaid.

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.



NEED A RENTAL HALL?

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SERVING THE GREATER KC AREA, THE HALL IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED 1 1/2 MILES SOUTH OF THE TRUMAN SPORTS COMPLEX ON BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF AT SNI-A-BAR ROAD.

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

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Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Raytown Rotary Club

GOLF TOURNAMENT



THU. MAY 19 HILLCREST GOLF CLUB
8200 HILLCREST ROAD - KANSAS CITY, MO 64138



TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

TITLE SPONSOR

- 11:00 a.m. Registration, lunch, putting contest, silent auction
- 1:00 p.m. Shot-gun start – 4 person scramble – multiple flights (no metal spikes, no denim attire, collared shirts required)
- Entry fee includes green fees, cart, lunch, awards reception
- Silent auction ends 30 minutes after last team finishes
- Awards ceremony & reception immediately following tournament
- Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in two flights

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FEES: Hole Sponsor & Foursome \$ 460.00 Foursome \$396.00 Individual Players \$99.00

CONTEST PACKAGE

\$ 40.00 per team

(if paid in advance

& does not include the putting contest)

- Hole In One
- Chamber Hopper
- Wildcard Hole
- 4 Mulligans

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

(All sponsorships include marketing in the Chamber Connections Newsletter, Facebook & Twitter posts)

Title Sponsor: (\$1,500) *SOLD* Includes business mentioned as Title Sponsor, logo on marketing material, company banner, one hole sponsorship, a foursome in the tournament, signage at the event, opportunity to provide tee package items, and more. Limit of 1

Hole in One Sponsor (2): (\$499) Includes signage on multiple holes.

Beverage Cart Sponsor (2): (\$350) Signage on a beverage cart. Opportunity to help distribute beverages to players.

Awards Reception Sponsor: (\$300) Signage at awards reception.

Lunch Sponsor: (\$300) Signage at check in.

Putting Contest Sponsor: (\$200) Signage at putting contest hole.

Hole Sponsor: (\$100) Signage prominently displayed at the tee box.

Golf Cart Sponsor: (\$35) Signage on a golf cart.

Silent Auction Cash Donation: (\$30)

Are you tied to your desk on May 19?

Do you have a meeting that you just can't reschedule?

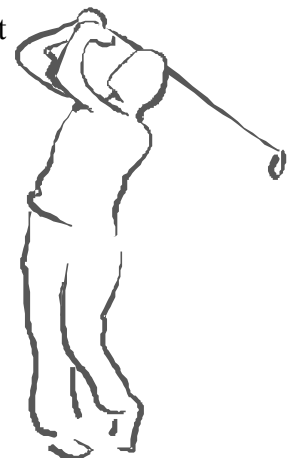
Not a golfer, but still want to participate?

SIGN UP TO BE

A VIRTUAL GOLFER!

Each Virtual Golfer receives a tee package, has the opportunity to come out for lunch/awards reception, can purchase raffle tickets, bid on silent auction items, and network with other businesses and community leaders.

Also, you will be assigned to an Actual Golfer by a lottery drawing. If they place, *so do you!*



SIGN UP YOUR TEAM OR A SPONSORSHIP AT

RaytownChamber.com

Deadline for teams: May 6, 2016



CHAMBER RENEWALS☺ **The UPS Store 2007**

Peggy Sundquist

☺ **Executive Security, Inc. 1982**

Jim Bradshaw

Guenther Mills Keating**Architects Inc. 2001**

Stephen Guenther

Advanced Eyecare 1985Larry Reed OD, Melissa Enevoldsen OD,
Jeffrey Harter OD, Dana Krause OD, Chris-
tine Mitts OD, Richard Wilson OD**Sherwin-Williams Co. 2005**

Derrick Stephens, Jessica Gates

Fun House Pizza & Pub 1980

Gary Graham

☺ **Shamrock Cabinet****& Fixture Corp. 1980** William Price,
Dan Beachner, Kelly Lauderback☺ **Sci-Tech Automotive 2014**

John Schupp

Eric's Salon 1984

Ron Berkvam

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

Jabbar Wesley

Drury Inn & Suites-KC Stadium

2015 Lisa Lagas

**Two Rivers Behavioral
Health System 2013**

Mike Seitz, Susan Fitzpatrick

☺ **D.W. Newcomer's****Floral Hills, Inc. 1972**

Kirk Kinsinger

☺ **Legal Shield 2015**

Laney McDonald

☺ **Public Water Supply Dist. #2**1990 Pat Ertz, Fred Hartwell,
Jim McClanahan, Joe O'Dwyer,
Richard Tush, George Yocum**St. John Francis Regis 2014**

Cally Dahlstrom

Brandt's Glass 2014 Laura Brandt☺ **Adam's Mark Hotel
& Conference Center 2015**

Jeff Hirst, Curtis Turner

Rick's Auto Clinic 2008 Rick Stangl,
Shawn Stangl, LeighAnn Edwards☺ *We would like to thank
our members who gave 110%.***BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...****CRANE
BREWING****OWNERS:** Chris Meyers, Michael Crane, Aaron Bryant**ADDRESS:** 6515 Railroad Street Raytown MO 64133**PHONE:** (816) 352-6782**EMPLOYEES:** 6**WEB:** cranebrewing.com**EMAIL:** chris@cranebrewing.com**FOUNDED:** 2014**CHAMBER MEMBER SINCE:** 2015**SERVICES/PRODUCTS:** We produce hand-crafted, traditionally inspired farmhouse ales and sour beers. Currently we have Saison, Farmhouse IPA, Orange Gose, and Apricot Weiss in the market.**FUTURE PLANS:** Our plans for the near future include opening our taproom, installing a canning line, and beginning to expand distribution outside of the KC market.**BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY:** We are a multi-family owned business. We believe in supporting our community, enriching the life-styles of those around us, and working to make our city proud.**OUR BUSINESS IS A CHAMBER MEMBER BECAUSE:** We believe the most successful communities are ones where the local businesses and organizations have come together with one unified mission.We are Open to the Public Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00-6:00pm for Tours and Bottle/Keg Sales. Tours are \$10 per person and Include Two Full Pours. They happen every hour and are limited to 10 people per tour, so reserve your group at info@cranebrewing.com. We can't wait to show you around!

Our Members in the News

Donuts with Dr.



Are you looking for a new dentist? Wouldn't it be nice to meet him first? Please join us for coffee and donuts with Dr. Etheridge and his team.

Saturday, March 5th
8:00am - 10:00am
10800 E. 77th Ter.
Raytown, Mo
816-358-1122

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church is having their annual **Pancake Breakfast/Bake Sale** as a fund-raiser for REAP on **March 19th from 9am till noon** at 6429 Blue Ridge Blvd.

Come help aid REAP in serving the needy in our community. You will be glad you did!



EGGEXTRAVAGANZA SEEKS VENDORS & PARADE ENTRIES FOR MARCH 26 EVENT

Plans are underway for the Annual EggExtravaganza Parade and Egg Hunt, to be held this year on Saturday, March 26. Event sponsor and organizer, Raytown Main Street Association, is working to make the 2016 event even bigger than last year. Organizers would especially like to see more vendors in the Exhibition Area and many more floats, bands, and other entries in the parade. Local organizations, businesses, churches, etc., are encouraged to register their Vendor Entry and/or Parade Entry early.

Vendors can email their interest to Carmen Kraus at ckraus@firstbaptistraytown.com; Vendor booths are \$35.00 each/\$50.00 for those needing electrical service.

Those interested in registering a parade entry early can go online to raytownmainstreet.org and fill out an official Parade Entry Form. Parade entries will also be accepted prior to the event at Clark's Appliances, 9715 East 63rd Street, as well as the day of the Parade. The EggExtravaganza Parade will have a new day-of Registration location this year, the Raytown High School parking lot, 6019 Blue Ridge Boulevard. The Registration Tent will accept Parade Registrations from 10-10:30am the day of the Parade. Parade Entries are \$20.00 each and registrations must be filed before participation is allowed in the parade.

For more information, please call Pam Clark at 816-356-0505 or visit raytownmainstreet.org.



SAVE the DATE

St. Regis 3rd Annual

Spring Fling

Luau, Dinner, Dance, & Silent Auction

Saturday, April 9, 2016 | 5:30 pm

Music provided by THE BURNT ENDS AND FOUR FRIED CHICKENS AND A COKE



Upcoming Member Events

BREAKFAST BRIEFING

March 30 7:30 – 8:30am

Raytown Wellness Center Community Room

\$10 per person - Register by Mar. 25

Topic:

What Does

Full Employment Council offer to local businesses?

Lisa Paddock

Managing Executive – Employer Services

EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY BUSINESS EXPO 2016



Silverstein Eye Centers Arena
Thursday, April 21st
1:00-6:00pm



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ONE VENUE



APRIL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



CELEBRATING THE HOME TEAM!

WHEN: Thursday, April 28

WHERE: Kauffman Stadium

\$21.00/person - RSVP by Monday, Apr. 25

LUNCHEON SPONSOR: COMCAST

RAYTOWN NIGHT AT THE ROYALS

Ticket sales end Apr. 8!

FRIDAY, MAY 13 7:15PM

KANSAS CITY ROYALS vs. ATLANTA BRAVES

OUTFIELD PLAZA \$35

HY-VEE VIEW \$15

Don't miss the fun and excitement

— join your community for a great time at the K!



This could be YOU!!!

★ HERE'S YOUR CHANCE OF A LIFETIME! ★

Win the opportunity to stand on home plate and catch the Ceremonial First Pitch from Chair of the Board, Michelle Williams.

Only \$10/Raffle ticket - On sale NOW!

- ~ Winner announced at April 28 Chamber Luncheon
- ~ Must be at least 18 years old. No one else allowed on field.
- ~ 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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MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date calendar</p>		1	2 12:00pm Membership Services Committee	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 7:15am Board of Directors	11 	12
13	14	15 UN-PROFESSIONALS TRIVIA NIGHT 	16	17 7:30am A.M. Connections @ Power On Technologies	18 8am Government Relations Committee	19
20	21 12:00pm >DEADLINE< For lunch reservations	22	23 11:30am MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 7:30am Breakfast Briefing	31		