

Board of Directors

Carol Baker, Chair of the Board
KCP&L

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Arvest Bank

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Raytown Water Company

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KCP&L

Madeline Romious
AT&T

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Sutherland's Lumbar

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ServPro Raytown / East Kansas City

Tamara Wheeler
United Consumers Credit Union

Tom Cole City Admin., Liaison
City of Raytown

Chief Matt Mace, Liaison
Raytown Fire Protection District

Dr. Allan Markley, Liaison
Raytown Quality Schools

Scott Walz, Liaison
Raytown Main Street Assoc.

Staff

Vicki Turnbow, President

Lindsay Jarquio, Operations
Coordinator



As 2017 is winding down, so is my time as chair of the board for the Raytown Chamber. I've been honored to be part of this organization and want to take a few minutes to look back on the past year.

In retrospect, 2017 was a transitional year for the Chamber. We said goodbye to our long-time Operations Manager, Kyle Phillips, who left to pursue a career in a different field. In October, we greeted Lindsay Jarquio who is the first face you see when you enter the Chamber office. Speaking of the office, we upgraded our technology and are firmly rooted in social media. Be sure to Like the Chamber on Facebook or follow us on Twitter at @raytownchamber.

The biggest news to affect the Chamber this year was the realization of the Rock Island Shared Use Project. On more than one occasion, Chamber President, Vicki Turnbow, would lead us outside to show us the latest orange flag that indicated how close the trail would be to the Chamber office. The Building Task Force will lead the way in deciding what's best for the brick-and-mortar building, while the Board will continue to focus on the daily activities of the Chamber.

The day-to-day activities of the Chamber are supported by the great committees and members we have serving on them. The Government Relations/Advocacy committee met throughout the year with area legislators to move our legislative agenda forward at the local, state and federal levels. Our Young Professionals stepped up to help one of our local non-profits with their food drive. Membership Services literally hit the streets of Raytown to talk with current members and potential members about the value of the Chamber. We ended the year with 251 members. Through the inaugural year of the Business Brigade, members could see behind the scenes of many of our local businesses. There's more to our members than meets the eye! Be sure to join one of the Brigade tours in 2018!

My thanks to the Board of Directors and the committee chairs for helping make 2017 a successful year for the Raytown Chamber. The time and dedication you give to the Chamber is immeasurable. I look forward to working with Rene Purtee as she steps into the role of Board chair. Finally, I want to extend a special thanks to Vicki, whose vision and enthusiasm for the Chamber is energizing. Thank you to the membership for allowing me to serve as the 2017 chair. I wish each of you all the best in 2018 and beyond.

Carol Baker, KCP&L

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

Total	250
Businesses	200
Not for profit	30
Individuals/Associates	13
Lifetime	7
Additional reps	132
Total Employees	12,898

INCOME: As of 12/18/17

Administration	4%	
Membership	70%	\$152,991.00
Events/Programs	26%	

EXPENSE: As of 12/18/17

Administration	71%	
Membership	12%	\$136,625.00
Events/Programs	17%	

CHAMBER IS A MEMBER OF:

Better Business Bureau of Greater KC
Chamber of Commerce Executives of Missouri
Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Missouri Chamber Federation
Missouri Economic Development Council
Raytown Main Street Association

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Membership Services Committee

- Rene Purtee, Arvest Bank
- Tamara Wheeler, United Consumer Credit Union

Government Relations Committee

- Madeline Romious, AT&T
- Carol Baker, KCP&L

Raytown Night at the Royals

- Jason Hanson, City of Raytown

Chamber/Rotary Club Golf Tournament

- Terry Landers, Raytown Quality School Board
- Brian Wagler, ServPro Raytown/ East KC

Raytown Young Professionals

- Kaylie Baker, Rok'it Advertising
- Chris Meyers, Crane Brewing Company



CHAMBER STAFF & BOARD HAS PARTICIPATED IN:

- Board of Aldermen Meetings
- City of Raytown Marketing Committee
- Jackson County Public Policy Council Coalition Of Chambers
- Kansas City Steering Committee/Blue Ridge Area Plan
- Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee
- Raytown Arts & Music Festival
- Raytown Educational Foundation
- Raytown Main Street Association (Holiday Lighting, Egg-Extravaganza, BBQ & monthly meetings)
- Raytown Police Dept. CERT Member
- Raytown Police Dept. Safety Fair
- Raytown Rotary Club
- Rock Island Meetings
- RQS Business & Marketing Meetings and Mock Interview Process
- RQS Citizen's Advisory Council
- RQS Hall of Fame Weekend
- Steering Committee for the Deron Cherry Celebrity Golf Tournament (proceeds benefit Score One for Health, Camp Quality and Midwest Animal ResQ)



COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:

January: Chamber Celebration
RQS Legislative Breakfast
Raytown Night with the Mavericks

February: State of the City Address

March: Aldermen Candidate Forum
Chamber Day at the Capital
RQS Legislative Breakfast

April: Kyle Phillips Going Away Party

May: Senior Expo, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
RYP Community Service Project
Raytown Chamber/Raytown Rotary Golf Tournament
Ribbon Cutting - Clark's Appliances
Ribbon Cutting - Rotary Little Free Library

June: Raytown Night at the Royals
Membership Luncheon with Grandview & South Kansas City Chambers

July: Raytown Summer Lunch Program

August: Ribbon Cutting - Valero (Beyond Petroleum)
Raytown Rocks the Solar Eclipse
Ribbon Cutting - Three Trails Preschool
Raytown Arts & Music Festival

September: Raytown's Senior Celebration - Sock Hop
RQS Hall of Fame

October: Ribbon Cutting - Champion Nutrition
RYP Trivia & Networking - Crane Brewing Company
MO Chamber/US Chamber Legislative Update
Maximize Your Membership
13th Annual Mega Office Party
Ribbon Cutting - Messner Bee Farm

November: Ribbon Cutting - Farmers Agency Robert Atkins
December: RMSA - Holiday Lighting

