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RAYTOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM

2023 CHAMBER CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

01/25/2024

2023 Annual Awards & Overview
 Recognizing Outgoing Board Members
 2024 Vision by Chair, Robert Atkins

Reservations Required



Connection Point Church
January 25, 2024

\$25 per person (tables of six)

11:00 - 11:30 Check In & Networking

11:30 - Noon Buffet Lunch

Noon - 1:00 Program

[Click here to make your reservations](#)

Board of Directors

Robert Atkins, Chair
Farmers Insurance Agency

ElizaBeth Clayton, Chair Elect
Wilshire at Lakewood Rehab Center

Jordan Price, Secretary/Treasurer
Personal Care Dental Group

Patrick Nelson, Past Chair
Red Tail Academy

At Large Members

Chiki Thompson
Raytown Water

Board Members

Me'Shelle Bishop
Cornerstone Home Improvements

Kory Brinton
Brinton Electric

Jeff Hirst
Associate Member

Carmen Kraus
Connection Point Church

Mackenzie Magwire
Mack Curio Creations

Brian Ross
Edward Jones

Jason Sneddon
Greater Kc Homes

Zac Sweets
Evergy

April Harrington, Liaison
Raytown Main Street Assoc.

Chief Matt Mace, Liaison
Raytown Fire Protection Dist.

Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox, Liaison
Raytown Quality Schools

Dr. Kathrine Swanson, Liaison
Metropolitan Community College -
Longview

Missy Wilson, Liaison
City of Raytown

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Vicki Turnbow, President
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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Happy New Year!

The holidays this year were a little different for me. My family was able to be together and celebrate the season all while missing Kirsten. There was definitely a void and she was missed. A big thank you to Carolyn Whitney and the group from Sisters in Christ for providing some fun gifts to my grandsons, Blake and Henry.

Speaking of Sisters In Christ, I was able to attend their Strength to Strength Gala held on December 9. The event celebrated the lives of women who have made a difference in their communities as well as celebrating women who have changed their lives for the better with the help of Sisters in Christ. It truly was a beautiful evening.

I am excited about the podcasts the Chamber will be doing in 2024. Zac Sweets with Evergy will be helping with these. The first podcast will be done on Wednesday, January 17. Farmers Insurance is our sponsor and we will talk about what is happening at the Chamber and how the podcast will be done. Interested in sponsoring a podcast, call the office. Cost is only \$50.



For 2024:

- We are asking for our members to share their success stories with us. We want to help promote the good things happening at your location. This information will be included our monthly digital newsletter.
- Add your community events to the community calendar. This is another way to help promote your events. Community events will be added to the weekly c-mail that is sent to the membership every Monday.
- We are booking the monthly morning coffees and afterhours. Hosting one of these is a great way to have members come in and see what you have to offer them. Cost is only \$50.
- Do you know a business that should be a member of the Raytown Chamber? If so, send me their contact information and I will reach out to them about joining.

2024 is a leap year, the year of the wooden dragon in Chinese Astrology and the number 2024 means respected and confident in numerology. Let's make the most of the new year!

Remember my door is always open!

Vicki Turnbow, President

2024

MEMBER MARKET



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEED A RENTAL HALL?
PARTIES - DANCES - RECEPTIONS - MEETINGS

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Saturday 9 - 11 a.m.

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December in Photos

Congratulations to Amanda Guenther, owner of Hairabella Salon on her ribbon cutting on December 4.



On December 9, myself and 15 other women were recognized for their service to the Community at Sisters In Christ's annual Gala. This year, they celebrated the strength of women who have gone through their program. A truly inspiring evening.

Michelle and I joined Grandview and South Kansas City Chambers for a holiday lunch and exchange of gifts. Over the years, these three Chambers have celebrated the holidays together since we all have small staff.



2023 Chair, Patrick Nelson attended the completion of the 250th and last bridge of Governor Mike Parson's Focus on Bridges Program. This bridge is located on Blue Ridge Blvd over I-70. Raytown Quality Schools, Superintendent, Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox was asked to say a few words on behalf of the district.

Sponsorships available in 2024



Here is how you can help your Chamber in 2024!

Monthly Chamber Luncheon Sponsor - \$150 (payment due the month before)

Company name/logo will be included on the marketing materials including newsletter, website, etc.

5 minutes on the agenda during luncheon.

Ability to help meet and greet attendees.

Opportunity to place Company brochure/flyer at each place setting.

Staff secures the location and orders lunch through a Chamber member.

Currently, these months are still available:

Months available: July, August, September, November (this luncheon we will celebrate our 95th anniversary)

Monthly A.M. Connections - \$50; 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. (invoiced the month before) (if your business or organization does not have a physical location in Raytown, you may be able to host it at the Chamber office)

Company name/logo will be included in the marketing materials including newsletter, website, etc.

16 color invitations will be sent to you to use to invite your neighbors, customers or to potential Chamber members.

Only requirement is coffee.

Contact the Chamber for available months (usually the third Tuesday of the month)

1630 Networking (After Hours) - \$50; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (invoiced the month before) (if your business or organization does not have a physical location in Raytown, you may be able to host it at the Chamber office)

Company name/logo will be included on the marketing materials including newsletter, website, etc.

16 color invitations will be sent to you to use to invite your neighbors, customers, or potential Chamber members.

Only requirement is refreshments of some sort.

Contact the Chamber for available months (usually the first Thursday of the month)

What's on the Menu? Educational Series - \$50 sponsorship for a one-hour presentation (invoiced the month before)

Interested in educating the Membership about your product or service, contact the Chamber today.

Held over breakfast or lunch; Staff secures location and coordinates food.

Attendees must make a reservation and the cost per person will be determined by the caterer we use.

Legislative Sponsor - \$265 invoiced in January

Company name and/or logo on all marketing materials.

Helps offset some costs associated with legislative expenses (printing, postage, Chamber Day at the Capital & legislative breakfast)

Podcast - Talk Raytown - \$50 and invoiced the month of the sponsorship

Company will be sent a form to fill out about their company and we will provide several shoutouts during the podcast about the business. Business logo will be listed on the Chamber's event calendar for that specific date.

CHAMBER RENEWALS

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

☺ Associate Member Kris Turnbow 2012
 Associate Member, Kathie Schutte 2020
 ☺ Blue Ridge Bank and Trust (Raytown), Nicole Putnam 1989
 ☺ Blue Ridge Bank and Trust, William Esry, Amanda Plachte 1989
 Bordner Home Improvement, Rob Poettgen 1990
 ☺ Carstar Auto Body of Raytown, Ron Glenn 1999
 GahmPlay Video Productions Sam Gahm 2022
 Garrison & Associates, Doug Filipovits, Sarah Filipovits, Darren Garrison 1981
 ☺ H & H Color Lab, Terry Tuggle, Amy Drum, Dave Drum 2021
 Hope Network of Raytown, Jacque Nordhus 2008
 Kansas City Royals, Spencer Thomas 1996
 ☺ Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium, Dr. Kirk Suedmeyer, Dr. Randy Wisthoff 2011

Lifetime Member, Dr. Mike Watkins 2001
 Lifetime Member, John Ness 1977
 Lifetime Member, Mike Apprill 2007
 Lifetime Members, Shirley Wurth 1982
 MDL Technology, Mark Dryer, TJ Bloom 2008
 Mid-America Laminating, Carol Hinesley 2019
 ☺ Playter & Playter, LLC, Eric Playter, Chris Playter 2023
 Raytown Main Street Association, April Harrington 2008
 Raytown Rotary Club, Treasurer 2001
 Raytown Youth Baseball-Softball Association, Dave Patterson 2023
 ☺ RE&P Midwest-Excavating/Plumbing Larry Pence 2019
 ☺ Sonrise Lawn & Tree, Jared Siems 2012
 ☺ United Consumers Credit Union, Nancy Davis, Paul LeVota 2003
 WCA (A GFL Company) Tom Coffman, Norbert Love, Ben Seiferman 2005

Have you utilized your member benefits lately?
 Thank you to those businesses who paid 110% and are now members of the

110% CLUB

If you know a business that is not a member and should be, contact them. Talk to them about the benefits you receive as a member, remember you are our biggest cheerleaders.

[Click here for a 2024 membership application](#)



Raytown Night at the Comets - Click on the image to order tickets



RAYTOWN NIGHT AT THE COMETS

02/10/2024 - 6:00 P.M.



Members in the News



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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON 02/22/2024

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Beginning in January, the 2024 Community Profile and Chamber Directory will be hitting the streets. If you would like to have some of these publications to have on hand at your business or organization, contact the Chamber today. Thank you to the businesses who purchased a marketing



Operation Thank You






JANUARY

2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4	5 Tourism Committee Meeting Noon Chamber Office	6
7	8	9	10	11 Raytown Chamber/BF Board Meeting Zoom & In Person 8:00 a.m.	12	13
14	15 Office Closed Holiday 	16	17 Podcast - Talk Raytown 	18	19 Government Relations Committee Meeting Zoom & In Person 8:00 a.m.	20
21	22 Reservations for luncheon due Today by Noon	23	24	25 January Membership Luncheon	26	27
28	29	30	31			