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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

02/22/2024

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LUNCHEON SPONSOR






Connection Point Church

February 22, 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](#)



RAYTOWN NIGHT AT THE COMETS

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

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

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Raytown Fire Protection Dist.

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Longview

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The first Talk Raytown Podcast was taped on January 17. We are working to get it into a format where we can load it on our You Tube channel along with our other social media platforms. A big thank you to Robert Atkins with Farmers Insurance for sponsoring the first podcast and Zac Sweets for being a great co-host!



We will be taping the next podcast on February 21. Public Water Supply District #2 is our sponsor and our special guest will be Mr. Damon Hodges, Raytown City Administrator.

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! February 29 is also Leap of Kindness Day - do something nice for someone or an organization in our community.



The new Community Profile & Chamber Directory are in and they look great. We have begun to hand them out. We hand this publication out all year to market not only the Chamber but the community. If you would like some of them for your office, please let me know.

Be watching for your directory to come in the mail or be handed to you by a Board member. Thank you for being a supporting member!



At the January Board meeting, Patrick Nelson passed the gavel to 2024 Board Chair, Robert Atkins. This gavel has been used at every Board meeting since 1969.

Always remember, my door is always open! Questions, give me a call (816-353-8500).



Vicki Turnbow, President

MEMBER MARKET



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

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Chamber Celebration Luncheon - 01/25/2024



welcome

29th Annual Chamber Celebration

CONNECTION POINT CHURCH
JANUARY 25, 2024
EMCEE: JEFF HIRST

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

ELECTED OFFICIALS INTRODUCTION

SPONSOR INTRODUCTION EVERGY

2023 CHAIR RECOGNITION PATRICK NELSON

2023 OUTGOING AT-LARGE MEMBERS PAM CLARK - LORETHA HAYDEN

2023 OUTGOING DIRECTORS AL MADDOX - MELVIN NORRINGTON - LINDA ROBERTS

2023 CHAMBER AWARDS SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR RISING STAR CHAMBER PERSON OF THE YEAR MVP

SWEARING IN CLASS OF 2026 2024 OFFICERS

2024 CHAIR OF THE BOARD

ROBERT ATKINS



2024 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

ROBERT ATKINS, CHAIR
ELIZABETH CLAYTON, CHAIR ELECT
JOURDAN PRICE, SECRETARY/TREASURER
PATRICK NELSON, PAST CHAIR

ME'SHELLE BISHOP	KORY BRINTON	JEFF HIRST
CARMEN KRAUS	MACKENZIE MAGWIRE	BRIAN ROSS
JASON SNEDDON	ZAC SWEETS	

AT-LARGE MEMBER

CHIKI THOMPSON

LIAISONS

MISSY WILSON, CITY OF RAYTOWN
DR. KATHRINE SWANSON, METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - LONGVIEW
CHIEF MATT MACE, RAYTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
APRIL HARRINGTON, RAYTOWN MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION
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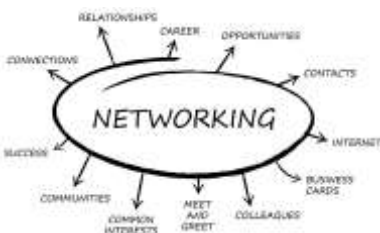
CELEBRATION SPONSOR



Chamber Celebration Luncheon - 01/25/2024



← Jeff Hirst did a great job as our Emcee!



Thank you Pastor Brian Stone for leading us in the prayer and pledge.

Chamber Celebration Luncheon - 01/25/2024



Patrick Nelson receiving his out-going gavel plaque, photo book and name tag!



Loretha Hayden & Pam Clark receiving their certificates of appreciation for their service to the Board as At Large Members.

Melvin Norrington receiving his out-going Board plaque. Thank you Melvin for your service to the Board!



Congratulations to Heartland Cremation & Burial Society for being named the 2023 Small Business of the Year!



Hope Network of Raytown is the 2023 Non-Profit of the Year! Congratulations!

Hallie Cook with Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity is our 2023 Rising Star! Kudos!!



Chamber Staff selected Jeff Adams (Adams Insurance Services) as the 2023 Chamber Person of the Year! Awesome!!

New for 2023 Missy Wilson is named the "MVP" Most Valuable Partner! Way to Go!!



Chamber Celebration Luncheon - 01/25/2024



Past Chair of the Board (2014) Loretha Hayden swearing in the Class of 2026, the 2024 Officers and introducing the 2024 Chair, Robert Atkins.

Class of 2026

- Me'Shelle Bishop - Cornerstone Home Improvements
- Mackenzie Magwire - Mack Curio Creations
- Jason Sneddon - Greater KC Homes
- Zac Sweets - Evergy



2024 Officers

- Robert Atkins - Chair
- ElizaBeth Clayton - Chair Elect
- Jurdan Price - Secretary/Treasurer
- Patrick Nelson - Past Chair



Hearing about "Team Raytown" from 2024 Chair, Robert Atkins, Farmers Insurance.



Sponsorships available in 2024



Here is how you can help your Chamber in 2024!

Monthly Chamber Luncheon Sponsor - \$150 (payment due the month before) August 28 is still available!

- 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:

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 (annual sponsorship)

- 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%

Awards & T-Shirts Specialists, Inc. Angela O'Donohue-Singleton 2012
 ☺ Blessed Servants, LLC, Crystal Davis 2023
 Bukaty Insurance, Kent Friend 2018
 Edward Jones, George Koepp, Malinda McKinney 2017
 G.A. Precision, George Gardner 2019
 ☺ Grow In Peace Christian Learning Center, Carla Hamilton 2014
 McIntosh Heating & Cooling, Jeff Mann 1993
 ☺ Mid-Continent Public Library Raytown Branch, Alexandra Duenow 2010

Raytown Gregory Animal Health Center, Dr. Tim Chirpich 1976
 ☺ Southeast Enterprises, David Melton, Lauren Hall, Javier Pedroza, Shea Verse 1995
 State Rep Jerome Barnes District 28 2016
 ☺ The UPS Store, Peggy Sundquist 2007
 Ultimate Advertising, Ashley Duncan, George Duncan 1990/2022



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.
 Contact the Chamber today and we will send them some information or
[Click here to review the benefits and online application.](#)



Join Us in Jefferson City - Click on the image for more information



Please Join Us For A Joint Chamber
**LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY
 IN JEFFERSON CITY**

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 person
Lunch will be provided.

Attendees are responsible for their own transportation.

- 10:00 am Meet at the **Missouri Chamber of Commerce** located at 428 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65102.
- 10:15 am Dr. Margie Vandeven, Commissioner, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- 10:45 am Stephen Foutes, Director, Missouri Department of Tourism
- 11:30 am Break/Lunch
- 11:45 am Dan Mehan/Kara Corches, Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- 12:45 pm Group Photo at MO Chamber Office
- 1:00 pm Depart for the Capitol -- Senate Conference Room #1
- 1:30 pm Rep. Jonathan Patterson, Majority Floor Leader
- 2:00 pm Senator John Rizzo
- 2:30 pm Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe
- 3:00 pm Meet with Individual Legislators
- 5:00 pm Depart for Home

Co-Hosted by:



Raytown Chamber/ Rotary Golf Tournament - 05/ 13/ 2024

Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism & Raytown Rotary Club

GOLF TOURNAMENT



MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024



THE GOLF CLUB AT CREEKMOOR

1112 E. 163RD STREET, RAYMORE, MO 64083

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

- 8:00 a.m. Registration, breakfast, putting contest, silent auction
- 10:00 a.m. Shot-gun start – 4 person scramble
(no metal spikes, no denim attire, collared shirts required)
- Entry fee includes green fees, cart, breakfast, lunch & donated Product!
- Silent auction ends 15 minutes after last team finishes
- Awards ceremony & reception immediately following tournament
- Prizes awarded to 1st and 2nd in two flights



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(All sponsorships include marketing in the Chamber Connections Newsletter, Facebook & Twitter posts, Chamber's Website, Golf Program plus what is listed below)

Title Sponsor: (\$1,850) Includes business mentioned as Title Sponsor, logo on marketing material, company banner (if supplied by company), a foursome in the tournament, Title Sponsor signage at the event, an opportunity to set up the day of the tournament to promote your business, provide tee package items, say a few words to the golfers before the start of the tournament. Limit of 1

Breakfast Sponsor (1): (\$1,250) Includes a foursome and signage during breakfast.

Box Lunch Sponsor (1): (\$1,000) Includes signage during lunch.

Registration Sponsor (1): (\$500) Includes signage at Registration, provide an item for use during registration (pen, tablets, etc.)

Beverage Cart Sponsor (2): (\$400) Signage on a beverage cart. (*Only 1 remaining*) Opportunity to help distribute beverages to players to promote your business, if desired.

Awards Reception Sponsor (2): (\$300) Signage at awards reception and help with the reception if desired.

Putting Contest Sponsor (1): (\$225) Signage at putting contest and help with the contest to promote your business if desired.

Refresh & Refuel Sponsor: (SOLD) Provide up to 120 Gatorade, Energy Bars and Nuts, for example (these items will be put in a bag with your company logo printed on it and placed in the golf carts prior to the start of the tournament along with your company brochure - items needed one week prior to tournament)

Hole Sponsor: (\$100) Signage prominently displayed at the tee box with opportunity to welcome golfers, if desired.

Golf Cart Sponsor: (\$35) Signage on an individual golf cart



Members in the News



[Click here to visit the school district's website to see all the updates.](#)

A request from the Raytown School District!

Raytown Chamber members,

The Raytown School District is exploring a transformational shift to a new High School model-Career Academies. The Career Academy model is currently being implemented in several other KC area districts, including Independence, Belton and Olathe, KS. RQS is partnering with Ford Next Generation Learning (FNGL) to explore the capacity of a potential move to the Career Academy model. Part of this exploration process is to engage business partners in Raytown to get their input on what is needed to meet workforce development demands in Raytown and the surrounding KC metro area. On Tuesday, February 13, from 1-2pm at the Raytown Wellness Center (after the regularly scheduled Raytown Rotary meeting), FNGL coaches will be in the district to meet with business partners to create awareness of Career Academies and to get input on next steps. If you are interested to learn more about Ford Next Generation Learning and the process of Career Academy transformation, click on this [link](#).

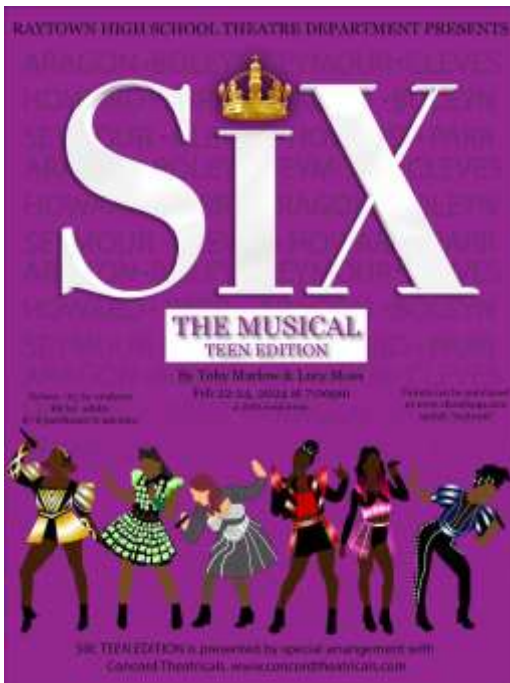
Please RSVP to Cheryl Dernier @ cheryl.dernier@raytownschools.org by February 6.

Thanks in advance for your consideration!

Dr. Chris Greiner | Chief Executive Academic Officer | Raytown Quality Schools
Raytown Schools Education and Conference Center | 10750 E 350 Highway
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Members in the News



The Raytown High School Theatre and Music Departments are proud to present *SIX: The Musical (Teen Edition)*, a musical comedy based on the six wives of Henry VIII. The six wives of Henry VIII are in a pop girl group and trying to figure out who should be the lead singer. They decide that whoever had the hardest life with the King will win. Through various pop songs retelling their lives, the girl group will decide who the leading lady will be.

The Raytown High School Theatre Department, directed by Katie Kolster, will produce the show February 22-24, 2024 at 7:00pm in the RHS auditorium. Tickets can be purchased online by going to www.showtix4u.com and searching "Raytown" or at the door. Student tickets are \$5 while adult tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Questions should be directed to kathleen.kolster@raytownschools.org.

The cast includes Ariel Giles as Catherine of Aragon, Amiya Jmmerson as Anne Boleyn, Halie Boardman as Jane Seymour, Gis'Zell Love as Anna of Cleves, Marissa Johnson as Katherine Howard, and Reiko Groves as Catherine Parr.

The crew is led by Mr. Daniel Parman as technical director and stage manager, Clara Heiken. Music direction provided by Mr. Caleb McCarroll and choreography by Ms. Brooke Myers. Assistant stage management from Harper York and Jarvis Walker, assistant direction by Antonio Taylor, Chase Dernier, and Jeremiah Washington, and assistant choreography by Kiyou Smith. Other designers include Antonio Taylor (scenic), Lucas McCarroll (lighting), Zander Heap (sound), Marissa Johnson and Deanna Barbee (costumes), Chase Dernier (props), Reiko Groves (business/publicity), and Lilly Dickerson (hair/makeup).



Missouri Department of Transportation

Traffic Alert: MoDOT permit work will close a lane on eastbound and westbound 350 Hwy between Westridge Rd. & E. 87th Street. This will be a 24-hour lane closure beginning on Monday, Jan. 29 through the end of May 2024.

During the work, No left turn movements allowed, in all directions, at the intersection of 350 Hwy & Noland Rd. Motorists are reminded to slow down and proceed with caution while driving in work zones.



Members in the News



COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER JOINS NATIONAL BLOOD EMERGENCY APPEAL IN WAKE OF WINTER STORM

Due to recent winter weather and a spike in seasonal illnesses, the region is currently experiencing a blood emergency with dangerously low levels of type O-, O+, B-, and platelets

KANSAS CITY – Community Blood Center (CBC) today joined blood centers across the country in an emergency plea for blood donors following a holiday season of low donor turnout and recent winter weather that resulted in widespread cancellation of appointments and blood drives. Additionally, a recent spike in seasonal illnesses across the region are preventing many from donating.

Last year, blood collections in the region were the lowest they've been in six years, down by nearly 18,000 donations since 2021 alone. Additionally, CBC has seen a nearly 40% drop in donations in the last three weeks, further crippling the inventory that was already in short supply. There is currently only a 1-day supply of types O-, O+, and B-, as well as a critical shortage of platelets. The Kansas City community is not alone; blood emergencies have been declared across the country, indicating that there is no national surplus of blood at this time.

"In the midst of the nation-wide blood emergency, and in the wake of recent winter storms, we are calling on all who are eligible to make an immediate blood or platelet donation," said Chelsey Smith, Director of Public Relations at Community Blood Center. "After a year of record-low donations across our region, the current blood supply is dangerously low, and donors are needed to ensure patients in our community get the lifesaving treatment they need."

Blood donors can give every 56 days, and up to 6 times a year. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently lifted several blood donor eligibility restrictions. To view current eligibility guidelines, click [here](#) or call 800.688.0900. To make an appointment, call 877.468.6844, or visit savealifenow.org.



Southwood Church of the Nazarene will be hosting an inspirational concert with Greg Hager who is an award winning entertainer, nominated for, and winning, many accolades, and has been featured on a PBS music special.

All are welcome – bring a friend! The concert will be Sunday, February 11, 2024, 10:45am, at Southwood Church of the Nazarene (8201 Raytown Road, Raytown, MO 64138). For more information call, 816-353-5121 or visit

<https://southwoodchurch.org/event/sunday-concert-yee-haw/>






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2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Tourism Committee Meeting Noon Chamber Office	3
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11	12	13	14 	15 Looking Towards 2026 10:00 a.m. Chamber Office	16 Government Relations Committee Meeting 8:00 a.m. In person & Zoom	17
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