

# CHAMBERLink

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## Fun Friday Flannels

Networking event sees record-breaking attendance

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More than 160 registered for January's Fun Friday networking sponsored by the Chamber and Jeff Driskill — Sandler Training Kansas City. Attendees enjoyed fun icebreakers while biting into world-famous cinnamon rolls provided by Tony Olson at the Neighborhood Café.

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GIVING BACK TO BETTER  
Chamber Board presents \$1,000 in donations

Sometimes showing up makes all the difference. That rings true for four Chamber Board members who had the highest attendance at Chamber events in 2022.

Each year, four Chamber Board members with the highest attendance at Chamber events are awarded a \$250 check made out to the non-profit Chamber member of their choice for a total of \$1,000.

Board members Rick Smetana (UCM), Carson Graff (Central Bank), Bev Howe (B&T Specialties), and Laura Maxwell (Apricus Communications) awarded their checks during the January Board Meeting Jan. 18.

The four nonprofit recipients include Monte Stull with Coldwater, Chrissy Symes with Educational Foundation, Elaine Metcalf with Pro Deo Youth Center and Jarvis Sackman with Hillcrest Ministries.



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WALK THE RED CARPET IN STYLE  
Donations open for Chamber's sold out, star-studded Annual Gala

The Lee's Summit Chamber is less than a month away from its sold out, star-studded Annual Gala set for **6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18** at **The Pavilion at John Knox Village**. One of the Chamber's premier events, the Gala features comedic hosts, a catered dinner, live and silent auctions, awards, dancing and a wine and spirits pull.

Beginning **at 5 p.m.**, VIP partygoers will escape the paparazzi to enjoy exclusive hors d'oeuvres, a champagne welcome, a signature drink in the VIP Lounge and live entertainment. When the Gala doors officially open to general ticketholders at 6 p.m., VIP guests will have access to an exclusive private bar line. The VIP Pre-Party add-on was **only** available in advance with the purchase of your ticket.

If you didn't purchase a VIP add-on, hang tight! **Doors will not open to general ticketholders until 6 p.m.**

Donations are still open! Gain excellent exposure by donating to the enticing live and silent auctions. Showcase your business by donating a bottle of liquor for the wine and spirits pull. Simply drop off a bottle at the Chamber office with your business card attached.

The Chamber also welcomes volunteers leading up to and during the event. From soliciting auction items to decorating or assisting at registration, there are numerous ways to get involved. For more information, contact Megan Gray at [mgray@lschamber.com](mailto:mgray@lschamber.com).

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IDEAS

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- Wine or liquor tastings



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# COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY, CONTINUED GROWTH AND LEARNING

Applications now open for \$1,000 high school scholarships

A strong work ethic, commitment to community involvement and an endless pursuit of continued growth and improvement — these are the main characteristics the Chamber seeks in applicants for its high school scholarships.

Each year, the Chamber's Education Committee awards five \$1,000 scholarships to college-bound high school seniors who exemplify growth in all facets of their lives.

One scholarship winner is selected from each of the three Lee's Summit public high schools, a Lee's Summit private high school and a school outside of the district.

The scholarship must be used within the same year it is received.

Interested students should submit a completed application, resume and official transcript to the Chamber no later than **5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24.**

Contact Megan Gray, mgray@lschamber.com, for more information.

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."

— Anthony J. D'Angelo

## REQUIREMENTS

- Pursuing a higher education degree from an accredited institution.
- A minimum 3.0 cumulative, unweighted GPA at 7th semester.
- Have at least one parent or guardian working full time for a company/organization that is a member in good standing of the Chamber.

Learn how a young entrepreneur is building a highly successful business while networking with peers at the Chamber Young Professionals Luncheon Feb. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Black Banner Productions.

As an Army National Guard Vet, photographer, videographer and Black Banner Productions founder, Dawson Puthoff has taken many life lessons and applied them to his business.

Hear his tricks, hacks for success and his suggestions on how to implement them within your daily routine. This is a great opportunity to learn from and celebrate another peer!

## LEARN FROM AND CELEBRATE ANOTHER PEER

Black Banner Productions Founder Dawson Puthoff to share share tips for success at Chamber Young Professionals Luncheon



## GOOD NEWS, NETWORKING AND FUN

An accumulation of the last month in photos



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**1. After Hours:** The Chamber celebrated an evening in Greece at Chef Aristo's Eatery. More than 50 stopped by to network and taste savory finger foods prepared by Chef Aristo himself!

**2. Good News Luncheon:** To set the tone for 2023, the Chamber hosted the Good News Luncheon. Many local leaders were invited to share their positive reports and goals for the year ahead! Special thanks to Robin Todd with Mindful Momentum for sponsoring the luncheon, and for Hy-Vee West for providing a delicious array of food!

**3. Fun Friday:** With quadruple the amount of attendees since Jeff Driskill (Sandler Training Kansas City) hosted the first Fun Friday in January of 2021, this event was a huge success! More than 144 were in attendance and enjoyed world-famous cinnamon rolls provided by Tony Olson at Neighborhood Café. Mark your calendars for the next Fun Friday set for March 31!





**4. Before Hours:** Networking, breakfast tacos and books, what more could you ask for? Chamber members met at KD's Books in Downtown Lee's Summit for this fun, early-bird event.

**5. Recess For Success:** Fred Lane, recruitment specialist for the City of Lee's Summit, presented on recruitment and retention at the January Recess for Success. In an open dialogue format, Lane shared tips for hiring and retaining employees. The educational presentation at the Missouri Innovation Campus was sponsored by Brian Hubert with American Family Insurance.

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# A NEW VISION FOR LEE'S SUMMIT

Chamber to host LSR-7 School Board candidate forum March 22



Learn where upcoming LSR-7 School Board candidates stand on important issues facing the community at the **Chamber's Candidate Forum 6:30 p.m. on March 22 at the Missouri Innovation Campus.**

To ensure the community is fully engaged, this event will be recorded and shared on Facebook, Youtube and the Chamber's website. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Candidates include: William "Billy" Peterson, Regina Garrett, Erica Dolores Miller, Kamile Johnson, Stacy Cronhardt, David Grady and Kathryn "Kathy" Campbell.

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# GET PLUGGED IN TO THE CHAMBER

Chamber 101 scheduled for Wednesday, March 1

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It's never too late to learn something new.

Designed for new members, new representatives and current members that have not yet plugged into the Chamber, Chamber 101 is an exciting opportunity to bring more value to your Chamber membership.

The next Chamber 101 takes place **March 1 from 3:30-5 p.m. at Connect Coworking.**

Attendees will hear from veteran

members about the benefits of membership, receive tips on getting the most out of their Chamber membership and learn more about Chamber educational programs and committees.

The event is sponsored by Joey Zarrillo with Z Team KC.

For more information, contact Lisa Frogge, Director of Membership and Ad Sales, at [lfrogge@lschamber.com](mailto:lfrogge@lschamber.com).



# A FABULOUS DINNER TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION

## 2022 Chamber Chair and staff honor members' recruitment efforts

It's important to give honor where it's due.

That's why 2022 Chamber Chair Carson Graff along with a few Chamber staff members hosted a delicious meal at Marina 27 Steak & Seafood to show appreciation for members who recruited five or more new members to the Chamber in 2022.

Among those members were Bob Glaser, Mayor Bill Baird, Bev Howe, Darrell Leven, Lisa Pycior and John Beaudoin (not pictured below).

Our sincerest thanks for all you do for the Lee's Summit Chamber!



# The Lee's Summit Relocation Guide is Here!

Your go-to resource for the most up-to-date community information

The official 2023 Lee's Summit Relocation Guide will soon be available online and at select locations throughout the Lee's Summit community. Whether you're a long-time resident looking for the most up-to-date information, or a newcomer trying to learn your way around town, this handy guide is your go-to resource!





# Welcome to Our Newest Chamber Members

## The Historic Browning Bed & Breakfast

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# Member Renewals

The following are this month's renewals and the number of years they've been members:

R-7 Administrative Office	78
Lee's Summit Economic Development Council	36
CARSTAR/ Summit Auto Body	21
Crowley Furniture	18
Eyecare Associates of Lee's Summit	18
Bruce Holiman State Farm Insurance	16
Summit Pointe Financial Group, LLC	14
Addington Place	11
Crystal Clear Enterprise, Inc.	11
Law Offices of Jonathan R. Whitehead	11
Summit Theatre Group	11
Graceland University Independence	10
Community Services League	9
Cookie Jar Bakery	9
Elite Fence & Deck, Inc.	9
LifeGoals Strategies Group - Rodney Loesch	9
Sunset Trails Stables LLC	9
Historical Society of Lee's Summit	8
Major Painting	8
The Residences at New Longview	8
Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT)	7
Heritage Biologics, Inc.	6
RE/MAX Heritage	6
Topgolf	6
Bret Farrar State Farm	5
In Harmony Therapeutic Massage, LLC	5
Advocate Master Plumbing	4
Essential Chiropractic	4
Billings Speech Pathology Services, LLC	3
Summit Lending	3
Joey Zarrillo, Z Team at RE/MAX Heritage	2
Journey Church International	2
Sew What? LLC	2
Terrace Home Health	2
Camm Construction Inc.	1
Larry VanTol	1
Red Door Woodfire Grill	1
Treasure Advertising	1
Vickie's Voice LLC	1

Thank you for your continued support!

# PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO NETWORK

Register online at [Ischamber.com](http://Ischamber.com)



## CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

4:30 p.m. | Feb. 9  
Zen Massage & Facials  
306 SW Blue Pkwy

Close your eyes and count to Zen for our Chamber After Hours at Zen Massage & Facials! Join us for an evening spent networking with new and familiar faces. Enter for your chance to win some relaxing prizes, like gift cards redeemable for massages, facials, or a wax!



## MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

With the Director of the Harry S. Truman Library  
11 a.m. | Feb. 24  
Unity Village  
1901 NW Blue Pkwy

What better way to celebrate Presidents' Day this month than to hear from Kurt Graham, Director of the Harry S. Truman Library. Plus, network and enjoy delicious food. Cost is \$25 in advance or at the door. Cost for non-members is \$30. *Sponsored by Powell Gardens.*



## CHAMBER BEFORE HOURS

7:30 a.m. | Feb. 28  
Diametric Brewing Co.  
949 NE Columbus St.

Chow down on some biscuits and gravy while mingling with Summit Networking and fellow Lee's Summit networking group ACA Business Club of Lee's Summit at Diametric Bewing Co. This is a can't-miss event!



## RECESS FOR SUCCESS

Recreational Marijuana in the Workplace  
4-5:15 p.m. | Feb. 7  
Missouri Innovation Campus  
1101 Innovation Pkwy

With the recent passage of recreational marijuana in the state of Missouri, many employees have been left confused by what this will mean for workers and businesses. We'll hear from Samantha Monsees, HR Attorney with Fisher Phillips, on how this will impact you and how you can prepare. *Sponsored by Embrace the Grape Beverage Catering.*

# EVENTS THIS MONTH

*Please note: All events are subject to change. Please visit [LSchamber.com](http://LSchamber.com) for the most up-to-date information.*

## February 2

- 8 a.m., Health & Human Services Committee Meeting, Lee's Summit Medical Center (Arbor Room)

## February 7

- 4 pm, Recess for Success, Missouri Innovation Campus

## February 8

- 8 a.m., Business Development Council Meeting, Chamber Office
- 1 p.m., Gala Task Force, Chamber Office

## February 9

- 8:30 a.m., Education Committee, UMKC- Henry W. Bloch School of Management
- 11:30 a.m., Young Professionals Luncheon, Black Banner Productions
- 4:30 p.m., Chamber After Hours, Zen Massage & Facials

## February 15

- Noon, Board of Directors Meeting

## February 16

- 3 p.m, Ribbon Cutting, Life Unlimited
- 3:30 p.m., Military Affairs Committee, American Legion Building

## February 18

- 6 p.m., A Night With The Chamber Annual Gala, The Pavilion at John Knox Village

## February 21

- 11 a.m., Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting, Connect Coworking

## February 22

- 4 p.m., Ribbon Cutting, Historic Browning Bed & Breakfast
- 11 a.m., Young Professionals Meeting, Chamber Office

## February 24

- 7:30 a.m., Governmental Relations Committee Meeting, Missouri Innovation Campus
- 11:30 a.m., Monthly Membership Luncheon, Unity Village

## February 28

- 7:30 am, Chamber Before Hours with ACA Business Club of Lee's Summit, Diametric Brewing Co.



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