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2023 Chamber Golf Classic

Life is greater on the green after all!

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The Chamber hosted its 2023 Annual Golf Classic at Creekmoor Golf Club Friday, April 28. The rain was kept at bay long enough to enjoy 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch and an awards ceremony with plenty of awesome raffle items donated by members and local businesses.

Yours Truly,



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



When I decided I wanted to become more involved in the Lee’s Summit community, I was told that the best program to do just that was with Leadership Lee’s Summit offered by the Lee’s Summit Chamber.

As someone who had taken a number of leadership programs and been engaged with a number of organizations, I was anxious but also not entirely sure what more I could learn.

Wow, was I glad I decided to do it!

The result was a great sense of accomplishment and pride — learning so much about our growing community and all that it offers — and that was back in 2006!

"The Chamber continues to take great pride in helping develop future leaders and public servants in the business community."

Fast forward almost 20 years from when I graduated and Lee’s Summit has become the envy of so many communities and the Chamber continues to take great pride in helping develop future leaders and public servants in the business community.

The Chamber is excited to host a graduation ceremony in May to a sold-out class of over 30 participants. Yes, the leadership class can only accept 30 participants each year, and for many years now, the class has reached maximum capacity.

It’s a fantastic nine-month course, coming together for one full day each month to highlight a different industry sector in our community, including deep dives into the history of Lee’s Summit, the business community, healthcare, education, recreation and leisure and city and government.

The program also features an all-day trip to the state capitol and state supreme court to meet with elected representatives in Jefferson City, along with community volunteer opportunities and projects.

Next year's class kicks off in September and I encourage you, if you want to learn more about the Lee’s Summit community, become a more active and effective leader and develop lifelong friends, to apply to be a part of the “Greatest Class Ever!”

Yours Truly,

Matt Baird | President
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The Lee's Summit Chamber is excited to launch our new membership database. This new system includes streamlined ways to stay up-to-date with all Chamber happenings while getting the most out of your membership.

You should have received an email in early March prompting you to create your login and update your contact profile.

Content is always changing; please help us ensure your contact information is up-to-date so that we and others in the business community can reach you.

CONGRATS ON 25 YEARS

Thank you for your commitment to the Chamber and the community!

Not only did the Chamber celebrate volunteers during the month of April, but we also recognized members who were celebrating their 25th year as Lee’s Summit Chamber members!

Thank you and congratulations to Equity Bank, Simmons Bank, Beacon Press and Diane Forte Enterprises for your commitment and involvement with the Chamber and the Lee's Summit community!



From left: Dylan Dean, Hayden Davies, Connor Beard and Bridgette Bass. Not pictured: Paige Bruflat.

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Chamber Education Committee awards five scholarships to graduating seniors — one to a student at each of the Lee's Summit High Schools, another to a student at one of our private schools, and one final scholarship to a student who is outside of the Lee's Summit District but has a parent who is a Chamber member.

Congratulations to the following recipients: Dylan Dean, Lee's Summit High School; Hayden Davies, Lee's Summit North High School; Connor Beard, Lee's Summit West High School; Bridgette Bass, Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School; and Paige Bruflat, Raymore-Peculiar High School.

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2023 Chamber Golf Classic

Our sold-out, full day of golf was a huge success thanks to our golfers, sponsors and volunteers.



Mac-a-Doodles kicked off the day with Bloody Marys, Mimosas and Kentucky Coffee. Johnny's Tavern provided some awesome breakfast sandwiches, and we rounded out the morning with a chipping and putting contest. With plenty of food and liquid courage, the golfers set out to tee off in our brand new 8-man crew allowing them to network during the game!

Many golfers enjoyed this new tournament concept! Golfer Jim Stoddard, with Budget Blinds Lee's Summit stated, "Playing with the extra 4 people brought in a new element of fun to the tournament's experience from playing to enjoying all the stops along the way!"

Throughout the day there was an incredible amount of food and beverages provided at the holes. Golfers were treated to pulled pork sliders from the Chamber, Wings from Wings 4 Water, tasty charcuterie skewers from Flavor and the Downtown Deli, a variety of brownies from Jason's Deli, breakfast burritos and chicken salad sandwiches from Matthew's Catering, and a variety of beverages from our sponsors!

They day was filled with plenty of fun on the course with contests and activities scattered through out. From all the laughter and joking around, it was an amazing day for everyone! Many golfers shared it was the best tournament yet and are looking forward to next year!

Congratulations to our tournament winners on the Next Gen Wealth Team: Clint Haynes, Nick Acree, Heather Acree and Jim Proyor for shooting a 54! (photo on Cover) What a great day of golf!

If you want to be a part of the amazing Golf Task Force that puts together this event, contact Megan Gray at mgray@lschamber.com.

Thank You Sponsors!



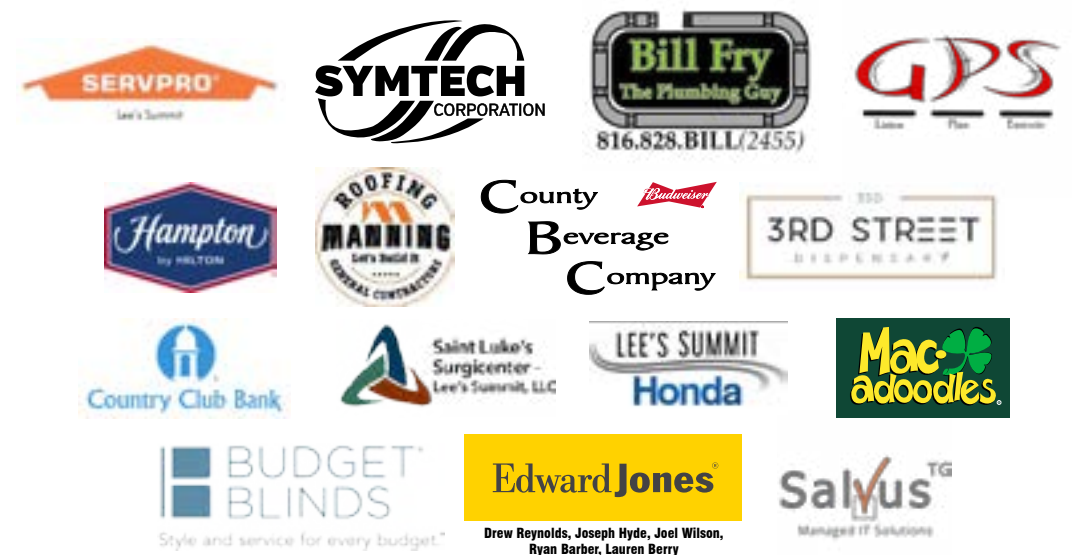
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A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

Join us as we celebrate our 2023 Leadership Lee's Summit Graduates!

Join us as we celebrate the graduating Leadership Lee's Summit Class of 2023 at our monthly membership luncheon Friday, May 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Guests will get a special glimpse into the Leadership Lee's Summit program, hear from this year's graduating class and network with other Chamber members before and after the ceremony.

Reservations are required and will be accepted until noon on Monday, May 15.

Come show your support to our 2023 graduates!

For more information about Leadership Lee's Summit or the upcoming ceremony, contact Lisa Frogge at lfrogge@lschamber.com.

Leadership Lee's Summit



11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Friday, May 19
Abundant Life Church

Graduation

Young Professionals



Learn from a peer!

Join Chamber Young Professionals Tuesday, May 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a speed networking luncheon!

Hear from Austin Gray, fellow young professional and loan officer at Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation as he teaches you the dos and don'ts of networking.

Then, you'll get to put what you learn into action as you mingle with others during a guided networking exercise.

Register online at lschamber.com/events.

For more information, contact Denise Elam, Director of Marketing and Communications, at delam@lschamber.com.

Speed Networking

May 16th | 11:30 a.m.

PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO NETWORK

Register online at lschamber.com!



RECESS FOR SUCCESS

Video Marketing with Dawson Putthoff

4 p.m. | May 2

Missouri Innovation Campus

Join Black Banner Productions Owner Dawson Putthoff as he explains how to attract new business with the power of video campaigns through social media marketing.



CHAMBER 101: GET PLUGGED IN

3:30 p.m. | May 3

Connect Coworking, LLC

3350 NE Ralph Powell Rd.

This is an expo-style networking event geared toward new members, new representatives and current members that have not yet plugged into the Chamber or would like a refresher on how to do so.



CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

4:30 p.m. | May 11

Southern Bank

1150 NE Douglas St.

Come celebrate Southern Bank's grand opening (previously Citizen's Bank & Trust). After enjoying some finger foods catered by Konrad's Kitchen and Tap House, we'll raffle a gift basket full of local products.



MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. | May 19

Abundant Life Church

402 SW Persels Rd.

Join us as we celebrate the graduating Leadership Lee's Summit Class of 2023 at our monthly membership luncheon Friday, May 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register by Monday, May 15.



CHAMBER BEFORE HOURS

9-11 a.m. | May 23

Lee's Summit Social Services

108 SE 4th St

We will help Lee's Summit Social Services with their Gardening Project, come help prep the garden beds for planting this year, lay mulch and refresh parking lots lines.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Please note: All events are subject to change. Please visit LSchamber.com for the most up-to-date information.

May 2

- 8 a.m., Ambassador Committee, Chamber Office
- 9:15 a.m., New Member Orientation, Chamber Office
- 4 p.m., Recess for Success, Missouri Innovation Campus

May 3

- 3:30 p.m., Chamber 101: Get Plugged In, Connect Coworking, LLC

May 4

- 8 a.m., Health & Human Services Committee Meeting, Lee's Summit Medical Center
 - 10 a.m., Groundbreaking, Raintree Village

May 8

- 8 a.m., Business in Motion Leads Group, The Fillmore Cafe

May 9

- 12 p.m., Networks at Noon Leads Group, Johnny's Tavern

May 10

- 8 a.m., Business Development Council, Chamber Office
 - 4 p.m., Ribbon Cutting, Ellie Mental Health

May 11

- 8 a.m., Executive Committee Meeting, Chamber Office
 - 4:30 p.m., Chamber After Hours, Southern Bank

May 16

- 11 a.m., Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Connect Coworking, LLC
 - 4 p.m., Golf Task Force Committee Wrap-up, Johnny's Tavern

May 17

- 8:30 a.m., Education Committee Meeting, Missouri Innovation Campus
 - Noon, Board of Directors Meeting, TBD

May 18

- 3:30 p.m., Ribbon Cutting, Bill Fry the Plumbing Guy
- 3:30 p.m., Military Affairs Committee Meeting, American Legion Building

May 19

- 11:30 a.m., Monthly Membership Luncheon, Abundant Life Church

May 22

- 8 a.m., Business in Motion Leads Group, The Fillmore Cafe

May 23

- 9 - 11 a.m., Chamber Before Hours Spring Volunteer Event, Lee's Summit Social Services
 - 12 p.m., Networks at Noon Leads Group, Johnny's Tavern

May 24

- 11 a.m., Young Professionals Committee Meeting, Chamber Office
 - 4 p.m., Ribbon Cutting, Hillcrest Youth Center

May 25

- 8 a.m., Council of Chairs, Chamber Office
- 3:30 p.m., Ribbon Cutting, Copy Rite Printing

May 26

- 7:30 a.m., Governmental Relations Committee, Missouri Innovation Campus



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