

Chamber

EXCHANGE

Quarter I — 2010

Great Fourth Quarter Events!

Some Chamber Fun You May Have Missed ...



Name these party animals!



Ribbon Cutting at Oakhill Day School

*You Should'a
Been There!*



New Member
Jim Stoufer



Thanks, Willie & Diane of
Nana & Papa's Catering

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Ty and Lindsay of the KC Wizards



Thank you, Elk's Lodge!



Thank you,
Gladstone Flowers!



Ambassador Gary introduces Rhonda
and Hobart to his new friend!

2010 GACC Board of Directors

Bill Arbuckle, Chairman
Keller Williams Northland Partners Realty

Sid Robbins, Chair-elect
Faubion United Methodist Church

Kellie Eisenhauer, Immediate Past-Chair / VP of Education
elevate

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Tony Conforti, CPA

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From The Chairman's Corner

With a warm welcome to each of you starting a new decade, I would like to say that I am truly honored and blessed to be a part of such a close knit, friendly, willing, caring and truly loving Chamber and I look forward to working with, getting to know, and bonding with each of you.

I am following an industrious, outgoing, lady in Kellie Eisenhauer and the major impact that she had on our Chamber this past year and her footsteps will be hard to improve on. I thank you Kellie for your hard work and diligence and what you have done to improve and help the Chamber to jump into this new decade.

As I have been in the backseat this past year watching the changes that have been implemented within the chamber, I am excited this year to be involved in the growth and the new directions that we will forge ahead with to make everyone take notice of what the Chamber does for our community and for the local businesses and the local volunteers that work hard each year to make every event a success.

My goal this year is to bring awareness to the city of Gladstone and the surrounding communities that the Gladstone Area Chamber and it's members are making a difference. Those businesses that are not members or have been on the fence will see what we have accomplished, will join and will become an integral part of the Gladstone Area Chamber.

In all aspects of our lives, we need helpers, guides, role models, friends, and sometimes just someone to hear of our concerns and needs. That is what I want our Chamber members to be. I am urging each member to look within the Chamber for it's needs, whether it is personal, business, or social. If someone has a successful business, call on that Chamber member to help you out. If you have a successful business or a new business, do not be afraid to promote your business within the membership. Let's work within our membership by sharing!

Last but not least, we need involvement by each of you within the membership. Whether you are a board member, an ambassador, or have just joined the Gladstone Area Chamber, we need you to help grow, to cultivate, to nurture, to be a willing helper to make the Gladstone Area Chamber a Chamber that is recognized throughout the City, throughout the Region, and throughout the State.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous 2010,

Bill Arbuckle
Chairman of the Board of Directors



Are you receiving email notices from your Gladstone Chamber? Please contact us with any email updates or corrections. With quarterly newsletters, we are striving to keep you informed primarily by email.

**Network together -
Support and Share**

Always Remember ...
Think Gladstone Area
Chamber of Commerce
for your business needs.

Mark Your Calendar Jan. thru Mar. 2010

GACC Board of Directors Meetings

Thursday @ 8:30 AM
In the Chamber Office
January 14
February 11
March 11

Ambassadors Meetings

Thursday, January 21
Location: TBA
Thursday, February 18
Location: TBA
Thursday, March 18
Location: TBA

*TBA = TBE
To Be Emailed!*

Business After Hours — Wednesdays - 5:00—6:30 PM

Casual Networking - Valuable Time! Locations TBE

Sponsored by Michael Ryan, Wells Fargo Advisor

Wednesday, January 20
Wednesday, February 17
Wednesday, March 10

*Looking for Hosts
& BAH Locations!*

Monthly Luncheons 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

January 28 - Gashland Presbyterian Church, 8029 N Oak

Sponsor: Gladstone Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store

Speaker: Jack Cashill, Executive Editor, Ingram's Magazine

February 25 - Cascone's Italian Restaurant, 3737 N Oak

Sponsor: Meyers Funeral Chapel Northland

Speaker: Karen Smith - Get the Lead Out

March 25 - Tiffany Greens Golf Club

Sponsor: TBA

Speaker: Derek Lundberg - Networking!

*Luncheons
\$18 - Members
\$23 - Guests*

*Out to
LUNCH!*

*Please make
reservations!*

Ann Landers

Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Walk tall, and smile more. You'll look ten years younger. Don't be afraid to say, 'I love you'. Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world.

People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.
~Author Unknown

If you don't like something change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it.

~Mary Engelbreit



Kellie thanks the 2009 Awards Celebration Committee: Michelle Barone, Sherri & Tony Conforti



Congratulations Art Hammen, Member of the Year!



Congratulations Steve Lundy, Ambassador of the Year!



Rhonda Dugan, accepting for First Bank of Missouri - Business of the Year!



Thank you to retiring Board members Michelle Barone and Cynthia Hopper



Thank you, Kellie Eisenhauer, for Chairing the Board in 2009!



Kellie passes the gavel to 2010 Chairman Bill Arbuckle

Also Honored December 4:

**New Member
Of the Year**

Staci Streich

Congratulations!

**Your 2010
Board of
Directors**





2009 Joe Wally Spirit Award Winner Dick Powers

This years Joe Wally Spirit Award winner, "Coach" Dick Powers, truly embodies the "let's get it done" spirit that Joe embraced. Dick has influenced countless lives of Northlanders for many, many years and has been a warm smile and giving spirit in the Gladstone community. Our 2009 award winner has served various roles within many Northland organizations and served the City of Gladstone on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for over 13 years. This esteemed Oak Park Northman can not go anywhere in the Kansas City area and not be approached by the familiar face of a former student or athlete. This Nebraska native resided in Gladstone for close to 50 years and opened Oak Park High School as the Athletic Director. An active member of the Northland Elks Lodge, Dick has worked tirelessly on the Elks Scholarship Breakfast and is described as a very persuasive, yet kind "arm twister" when selling scholarship breakfast tickets. Always the first to volunteer to organize a fundraiser, Dick has orchestrated many successful spaghetti dinners. When not volunteering, coaching or refereeing, he enjoys relaxing with a fishing pole, poker chips or a golf club in hand. Many of you might not recognize this outstanding community member, if it were not for his signature red jacket. Worn as he tirelessly works for the less fortunate in our community, the red jacket has become synonymous with the good works of the Northland Christmas Store, where Dick was a founding member and integral part of the success of the program. This active volunteer also devotes a great amount of time to his family and his faith. He is an active member of the North Cross United Methodist Church and is a father of two and grandfather to four. He and Merta have been married for 51 years and they reside at the Riverstone Retirement Community, where he has become the "unofficial mayor." Congratulations, Dick Powers!



Past and Current Joe Wally Spirit Award Winners

Edward Jones Investments
Andrew Maupin

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2010 Advertising Rates ...

Business Card sized Ads: \$50 Full Page Inserts: \$100 *

* Member is responsible for creating, printing and providing 450 copies of the insert.

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AMBASSADORS ALERT!

Several years ago I had the opportunity to go out of state to visit with one of my closest friends in life. We both had been raised in an environment where the first things our parents did when you walked into their house was be offered food or drink. That's just the way it was. My family and I sat in his home for close to three hours before we were offered so much as a glass of water. That was not the way we were raised. This was not our tradition.

I think this is the same way with the Gladstone Chamber and its Ambassadors group. The Gladstone Chamber has an excellent reputation of treating people like family. Most chambers of commerce boast of being a vehicle that allows you to network your business. Most chambers boast of a friendly atmosphere that perpetuates others wanting to do business with you. Most chambers boast of their members doing business with its other members. However, the Gladstone Chamber is not like most chambers in as much as these attitudes and atmospheres really do prevail.

A large part of the reason for the chamber's success comes from the Ambassador Committee and the group of members involved. These members serve as hosts/hostesses, ticket takers, money collectors and liaisons for the chamber. They make sure new members are made to feel welcome; they recruit new businesses to join and for the most part are there for just about any event or need that the chamber may have. They are friends and chamber family. Plus, they have fun doing what they do. It is a fun group and one that is dedicated to the growth and success of the Gladstone Chamber.

The Ambassador Committee is always looking for new members that want to be a part of the group that promotes the Gladstone Chamber, its business family and those that we represent. It is a great way to meet more members and do much more networking. It is a way, not only to grow the chamber, but to *grow your business*.

If you would like to be a part of this group do one of the following:

Call the chamber and let them know you would like to serve

Tell any Ambassador, they are the ones with the red name tags at chamber events

We want you to be a part of us. We want your help. We want you to be a part of the chamber Ambassador Family. In Gladstone that is the way we were raised. That is our tradition. Come join us and see how much fun it really is.

Vinnie Vaccaro

Board of Directors

Chairman Ambassador Committee.