

Chamber

EXCHANGE

March 2007

Chairman's Corner



Welcome to all of the new members who have made the decision to join the Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce. As I am writing this column in mid-February, a membership drive is underway. The total number of new members recruited will not be known by the time this newsletter goes to print, but I look forward to working with all of you. Vice President of Membership, Steve Otto, is leading your incredible Ambassadors in this drive, with a goal of 30 new members. Even though this membership drive will officially be over by the time this newsletter is distributed, I personally am making a request of you: Invite someone who is a fellow business person to our next luncheon.

You understand what you receive as a member of this Chamber, the networking that is available, and the incredible team of service providers that are your fellow members. I challenge you to share this information with the "store next door" and increase our membership. Together, we can assist one another in growing our businesses and connecting with the community.

Your Executive Committee has been meeting weekly developing and finalizing a Total Resource Campaign, which has been rolled out. The goal of this campaign is to assist in the move to the Williams House. Beginning in mid-February, construction on the upper level of the house began. Many thanks to all of the volunteers working on our future Chamber offices and to coordinator Anita Newsom. Also, thank you to the members who have already elected to participate in the Total Resource Campaign and take their membership to the next level.

I personally look forward to seeing you at our March luncheon, and to being introduced to all of your guests!

Best Regards,

Anita Skehen

Chairman of the Board

Volunteers Needed



Construction is underway on the new Chamber Offices and we need your help! We are starting with the upstairs portion of the home which will be completed totally by volunteers, in order to stay within budget. Any and all help is appreciated! If you have specialized skills to share or just want to be a runner, we want you! Come and stay all day or just an hour, whatever your schedule will allow. If you would like to help please contact Anita Newsom at anewsom@kc.rr.com or call Tiffany at 436-4523. Thanks so much for your dedication to the Chamber and this exciting new venture!

Mayor Bill Cross Receives Honors

Gladstone Mayor Bill Cross received a Congressional Record at the February city council meeting. Shawn Graybill of Congressman Sam Graves office was on hand to present the honor.

Congratulations Mayor Cross!



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Welcome New Members

The Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome all of the new members that have recently joined. We look forward to serving you and helping your business to grow. Check the back of your monthly calendar insert for the names of our newest members.

Gladstone Area Chamber Endorses North Kansas City Schools Proposal

On February 7, the Legislative and Education committees met jointly and received a presentation from North Kansas City School District representatives concerning upcoming ballot issues. The District is proposing two issues to be decided at the April election:



Question #1 is 27-cent operating levy that will open and operate Staley High, hire additional K-8 teachers, expand Preschool services and continue district-wide improvements.

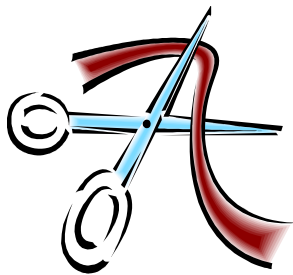
Question #2 is a no tax increase bond that will build an elementary school, upgrade playgrounds, upgrade technology and issue \$21 million bond with no tax increase.

After the presentation, the committees discussed the issue and concluded that strong and adequately populated schools benefit business, the schools and the community. After a proper motion and second the joint committees voted to recommend that the GACC Board of Directors endorse both issues.

On February 8, the Board of Directors met and received the recommendation from both committees to endorse the proposal. The Board overwhelmingly voted to approve the motion and endorse the NKCS D levy and bond issues.

Ribbon Cuttings!

Join your fellow chamber members for a Ribbon Cutting Celebration!



March 5, 2007

4:00 pm

Ci Ci's Pizza

4900 N. Oak Trfwy.

(corner of N. Oak & Vivion)

Chamber Updates

Chamber Events

The 2007 Luncheon schedule is filling up fast! If you would like to sponsor or host a luncheon this year you must act quickly. There are only a few opportunities left. If you have any questions or would like to sponsor or host a luncheon, please contact Dorothy Beckham at 816-222-5388 or Kellie Eisenhauer at 816-415-4385.

Special Events

Planning is well underway for Gladstone's biggest events. This year's Golf Tournament date is set for May 17 and will be held at the Paradise Point Golf Complex. The Summertime Bluesfest committee has already begun planning meetings as well. This fun, family event is set for June 8 & 9 and promises to be as exciting as ever. Gladfest 2007 is set for October 5, 6, & 7. This year's theme is "Making a Splash" in honor of Gladstone's new Natatorium. These events would not be possible without the help of dozens of volunteers. If you would like to help in anyway contact Anita Newsom at anewsom@kc.rr.com or the chamber office at 436-4523.

Membership

There are Ambassadors of all sorts . . . Foreign Ambassadors, Nash Ambassadors like I use to drive (That is a Car for anyone under age 50) and then Gladstone Chamber Ambassadors who are the best group in the world!

The Ambassadors are the Chamber's link to the community and to members. We meet once a month for a lunch and discussion on how we can best service the Gladstone area and the Chamber. How about YOU? Would you like to be part of internal and external development of the Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce? Talk to any ambassador, Amy or Tiffany and we can get you set up. If you can't make the meetings and you are interested in working with us that would be fine.

Know of any business that really needs to be a member? Let us know!

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Mike Steffens

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5 4:00 Ribbon Cutting CiCi's Pizza	6	7	8 11:30 Board Meeting Tommy's	9
12	13 4:00 BankLiberty Groundbreaking Ceremony, 6401 N. Prospect	14	15	16 R.S.V.P. for Membership Luncheon Due
19	20	21 Business Fair— KCI Expo Ctr. 5-6:30	22 11:30 Membership Luncheon Smokehouse	23
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