

February 2007

Chamber Chatter

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Calendar of Events

February

9-Ribbon Cutting

Ceremony, Gracie's Chocolates, 10:00 am.

15- Kearney Business

Owners Meeting, 8:00 am, International Beanery

22 Business After Hours

– 5:00-7:00 p.m., First Missouri Bank

27 – “Rachel’s

Challenge” Smithville Upper Elementary School

Welcome to the first Chamber Chatter of 2007. A new year always brings thoughts of what was done in the past year, and what we would like to do in the New Year.

2006 was a good year for the Chamber – a new welcome sign at Highways 35 and 92, and we are growing and gaining new members at a very fast pace. We are excited to see all the new businesses coming into town and we will continue to urge everyone to SHOP LOCAL to help support these businesses.

In addition, we'd like to remind you that the Chamber is here to work for YOU, the member. This newsletter is a great venue to let others know what is happening with your company. We are here to help you succeed. We are also planning some community events and continue to be involved with networking with other Chambers. We have many committees meeting now planning activities, arranging brown bag seminars, and reaching out to prospective members. We hope to make 2007 the best year yet and want to thank you for your continued support!

##

Business of the Month – Jeff Vineyard, Edward Jones



Please tell us about Edward Jones and what your company does.

The firm was founded in 1922 by Edward D. Jones Sr. After working a rural territory in Missouri and Illinois, Ted Jones – the son of the founder – positioned the firm in the increasingly competitive marketplace as a specialist in providing investment advice to rural Americans. This tradition continues, but today the firm also has offices in most metropolitan areas.

Edward Jones, headquartered in St. Louis, is one of the nation's largest suppliers of financial products for individual investors and small-business owners. Edward Jones, however, is the only firm to serve individual investors exclusively. The firm has more than 7 million clients.

2) What is your position at Edward Jones?

I am a Financial Advisor.

3) Where are you located?

Northeast corner of Highways 92

& 33, in the Kearney Center Square.

4) How long has your business been in Kearney?

This branch opened its doors in April of 1999. I have been the Financial Advisor for this branch since July of 2006.

5) Please tell us a bit about yourself.

I am an avid reader, dog lover, and lifetime Yankee's fan. My hobbies include fishing, golf and reading. I also have met my future bride, who is the controller at a service management group.

6) What would you say is unique about Edward Jones?

Unique to Edward Jones is the style of business. You can buy investments many different ways. We take pride in opening one-person offices in towns where we can become contributing members of society. We have business plans that allow each branch to have the character of their clients and city.

7) Anything else you'd like to tell us?

I have golfed at a competitive level for nine years and earned a golf scholarship to Central Missouri State University. The competitive drive has now shifted from the golf course to the business world. I enjoy going the extra mile to help make the complex world of investing comfortable to those who feel they don't have the time or interest to handle

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Attention All Business Owners

The Kearney Business Owners meeting will be Thursday, February 15th, 8:00 am at the Beanery. The purpose of these meetings is to help promote business in Kearney. We have several ideas we are working on and we'd like to hear from you. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend if you can!

##

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!



This past December, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for Reece and Nichols Realtors, Kearney. As you can see the turnout was great and everyone enjoyed great food and good friends.

Mark Your Calendars! We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new member, **Gracie's**

Chocolate, this Friday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. Gracie's is located right next to Balloon Inspirations, or 101 W. Washington St. Plan on coming and wishing them "sweet" success!!

##

Business After Hours

Our first Business After Hours for 2007 will be on Thursday, February 22, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at First Missouri Bank in the Home Loan Division. There will be great snacks and drinks, so do plan to come and network and chat with other Chamber members!

##

KCB Announces New Branch

KCB is excited to announce the opening of our new branch in Liberty! The new office is located at 930 West Liberty Drive, Liberty MO. KCB Liberty is a full service bank offering a Drive thru, an ATM, Financial Services and Loan Services. The branch president Tim Barron and the branch manager Kris Busby would like to invite you to come and take a look at our new facility.

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New Phone Book Coming Soon

Summit Publications Inc is pleased to announce that the 2007 Kearney-Excelsior Springs Directory is in the works! This directory covers the entire Kearney, Excelsior Springs, Holt, Lawson, and Lathrop area. Don't miss this opportunity to promote your business! The deadline is April 15 so call today for more information. 816-628-5492



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Rachel's Challenge

Kearney and Smithville Community 2000 Taskforces are co-sponsoring a free presentation "Rachel's Challenge" on Thursday, Feb. 27 at Smithville Upper Elementary, 875 S Commercial St. in Smithville, MO.

Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with

the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America – "Rachel's Challenge".

Powerful video/audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy hold parents and students spellbound during the one hour community presentation that motivates them to positive change in the way they treat others and ends with a specific challenge to parents and community leaders, showing them how they can reinforce the decision their youth are making.

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ESMC Auxiliary Needs You

While walking the halls of ESMC, you can't help but see something that the Auxiliary has purchased for the hospital. From handrails to curtains, pictures to equipment, the Auxiliary is active in raising funds to purchase much-needed items for the Medical Center. Now it's your turn: please help out our auxiliary by becoming a member.

Membership dues are \$5.00 per year for a Working Membership, and \$10.00/year for an Inactive Membership. Meetings are held quarterly at the Excelsior Springs Medical Center dining room. You will be notified by mail as to the date.

To become a member, please contact Jeanne Buckman at the below phone number and email: (816) 630-6091, ext. 365 jbuckman@esmc.org

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