

# Chamber Chatter

Kearney Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 242, Kearney, MO (816) 628-4229

## Chamber Formal February 13!

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Wednesday, 2/3 is the last day to purchase tickets for the Chamber Formal which is Saturday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. at the Annunciation Community Center. Dinner will be catered by Stables Grill, there will be a silent auction and NEW this year at the auction are 20 pieces of art from artists who will be participating in the Art On The Hill event in April. Music will be provided by Magic Mobile DJ. This is always a fun event, open to everyone so please come and bring a friend!

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### **Business of the Month – The UPS Store**



1). *It's been a few years since you were business of the month. Please share with us how you've grown since then!* We now offer more services than ever. And, we are continually looking for new ways to serve our customers. We have added new state of the art Konica Minolta copiers/printers, a Fuji passport photo system, and a Xerox blueprint scanner/copier.

2). *Please tell us about the special awards The UPS Store has received.*

The UPS Store in Kearney was selected as Franchisee of the Year for 2006. The award measures a lot of metrics like compliance, growth, and sales but is to a large degree an

award for customer service and being part of the community. So customer service, COOP participation, and meeting corporate standards are very important. We were also awarded the Excellence in Education Award by the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce in 2008 for our efforts in supporting the Kearney School District.

3). *I know you are very involved with the Kearney community. Please tell us some of the things you do.*

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the third annual Mr Stinky Feet concert at the amphitheater. Last year we combined with KCB Bank and Kidfest making it one event. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted and go to the Toys for Tots Literacy Program. Over 200 youngsters enjoyed the afternoon last year. Plan now to bring your children and/or grandchildren. This will also be the third year we have partnered with Kearney Parents as Teachers to produce the booklet that is presented to each new kindergarten student during the spring visit. These booklets help each child to be more comfortable with their first days of school. Although we haven't heard from MBE yet we are hoping that the coloring contest returns this year. The students at the elementary schools really enjoyed it.

4). *A lot of people have commented about your weight loss. Please tell us how you did it.*

My weight loss is an interesting story. I was diagnosed in Jan 2009 with type II diabetes. I lost

50 lbs at the onset. After seeing the specialists at KU Med it became apparent that if I want to see my grandson turn 40 (he's 5 now) a lifestyle change was in order. Through diet and exercise I have lost an additional 30 pounds. It's been tough this winter not being able to get outside to exercise so I have put back on about 5 pounds. The delivery bike is in storage for the winter! The old muscles and tendons are very tight and this is presenting problems. I am taking up power yoga and swimming to alleviate that so I can press on this spring with running. I expect I will probably drop another 10 pounds when I start running again. I haven't been this healthy in 25 years. My blood sugar is under control (no insulin required), my cholesterol is way down, and my heart is healthy.

5). *What are a few of the most challenging services that your store was able to do?*

Clay County Parks & Rec has a new exhibit, Pharis Farm. We recently produced 23 color panels for their exhibit. They were mounted on foam core, some were as large as 24"x60". We also recently started scanning eight two inch binders of service bulletins for the local Packard Car Club. When complete we will print the files to disk so they can be distributed throughout the

## New Banquet Hall

The Arley Barley Banquet Hall is ready for your holiday/corporate/private parties. We can seat approximately 85 people in a relaxed, lodge style setting. WE DO NOT CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITIES! We are booking events now. Give us a call at: 816-719-0765 or e-mail us at: [updikebbq@hotmail.com](mailto:updikebbq@hotmail.com)

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### New Faces

Summit Publications Inc would like to announce the addition of a new Inside Sales Division. Management & staff were recently hired to develop the company's new Inside Sales Team. This exciting development will allow Summit to extend its advertising opportunities to a larger portion of its market areas, and offer the benefit of yellow page advertising to businesses with time constraints which may make an on-site meeting difficult. If you would be interested in joining this exciting new team, or would like to discuss advertising opportunities offered by Summit, please contact the office at 628-5492.

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country to other club members. We are looking forward to the MO Firefighters Convention and Art on the Hill this April and will be setting up to ship purchases and course material for attendees. We are packing windshields for two local eBay sellers. We have crated and freighted a fifty year old Mobil Oil plastic lens (48x48x4) to Washington State, a copier at end of lease, and a light bar for Smithville Fire Rescue.

6). *What do you attribute your success to in these difficult economic times?*

We believe that our variety of business services, focusing on customer service and the experience are key to our continued success. In addition to needing a service you provide, each customer needs to want to come into your business. Providing an atmosphere that promotes this feeling is important. We are constantly trying to reach more customers farther out in the rural areas surrounding Kearney.

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

We continue to promote The UPS Store as a full service Business Center. Our UPS pickup is 6:30pm Mon-Fri (2:00pm Sat, air only). We accept return service packages, internet shipping and eBay packages at no charge; mailbox and postal services, no waiting, no lines. In addition, we can do passport photos, two & three part forms, business cards, freight, blueprints, signs, posters, foam core mounting. We are packaging experts and have packed china, deer mounts, and artwork. We have just added a self service shredder for customer use (\$1 for 1 minute). Don't let those old statement and papers with personal info accumulate. Shred them at The UPS Store. Sharon & I would like to thank the community and Chamber members for their continued support of our

business.

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### A Touch of Health Chiropractic News

Dr. Julie Holtz attended a continuing education seminar entitled "Balancing Thyroid, Adrenals, and Blood Sugar Naturally". The seminar was presented by Dr. Janet Lang, an expert in Restorative Endocrinology. Dr. Lang makes use of diet changes, inexpensive hair analysis, and saliva testing. If you have any questions for Dr. Holtz, call A Touch of Health Chiropractic at 903-3248.

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### Northern Hills Baptist Church News

**Northern Hills Baptist Church News February**  
Unless otherwise indicated, all events will be held at the church facilities located at 17211 NE 180<sup>th</sup> St, (between Holt & Kearney). For more information please call the church office at 320-3301 or visit [www.NHBCweb.org](http://www.NHBCweb.org).

**Sunday, Weekly**  
**Worship services 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Bible Study hour at 9:30 a.m. Children's Church** during both worship hours' for K -3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. The current theme is "Deal with It" the Bible way. Communion observed the **3rd Sunday** of each month.

**Monday, Weekly**  
**"Ole Roosters Club"** meets for breakfast weekly at Sarah's Table **9:00 a.m.** All men are welcome!

**Precept Inductive Bible Study** on the book of James meets from **7-9 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Weekly**  
**Ladies quilting group** meets **1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Free exercise class at 4:30-5pm Women's Pilates** in the Family Outreach Center

**Wednesday, Weekly**  
**Bible Study** in the book of "Ruth" facilitated by Pastor Skip Hessel meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Youth and J. V.** meet at **6:45 p.m.** to study God's Word,

worship, and participate in service projects.

**AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed)** meets at **6:45pm.** This program is for children from age 2 through Jr. High.  
**Women's Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.** "Hope for a Woman's Heart," a DVD teaching by Kathi Troccoli (endorsed by Beth Moore.) No work book, free, just come, relax, and learn.  
**Men's Bible study** held from **7:00- 8:30p.m.** "The Quest for Authentic Manhood." A video study from the "Men's Fraternity" series taught by Robert Lewis. All men are welcome.

**Thursday, Weekly**  
**Free exercise class at 4:30-5pm Women's Pilates** in the Family Outreach Center  
**Saturday, February 13th**  
**Bi-weekly Men's Bible Study** facilitated by Pastor Richard Hubbard, meets at **7:00 a.m.**

**Women's Valentine Luncheon**  
Ladies mark your calendars you are invited to joins us as we fellowship together in worshipping our greatest love of all "Jesus". Our guest speaker, Philana, will share her personal testimony. Philana is a group leader of the girls' team at Watkins Mill Youth Detention Center.

**Date: February 13, 2010**  
**Cost: Free**  
**Childcare: Free**  
**Dress: Casual Dress**  
**Luncheon Hour: 12:00 pm**  
**Menu: Potato Bar**  
**RSVP: 320-3301**

**Friday, February 19th.**  
**Hillclimber** event meets at 5:30 PM. call the church office for location.

**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Northern Hills Baptist Church Valentine Banquet**  
Join us for a sweetheart of a banquet. Enjoy a night of Christian fellowship, a catered dinner and dancing with your Valentine.

**Date: February 20, 2010**  
**Cost: \$35.00 a couple**  
**Dress: Semi-Casual Dress**  
**Coffee & Punch: 5:30 p.m.**  
**Dinner: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Catered by: Donna & Bernie Meissen**  
[dmeissen@kcrf.com](mailto:dmeissen@kcrf.com)  
RSVP 320-3301

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### **FFAM Convention**

The Kearney Fire and Rescue Protection District in conjunction with the Kearney Fire & Rescue Firefighters Association will be hosting the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual 2010 Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Convention, April 22-25, 2010. We are very excited to be hosting Kearney's first ever convention and hope you will be a part of it.

The FFAM convention normally brings 600-800 firefighters representing 60-75 departments or districts from across the state to the annual convention that hosts training classes, firefighter competition, parade, mixer, banquet, and concludes with the business session on Sunday morning. We are adding some events to our convention with a Thursday afternoon and Thursday night golf. Vendor displays will open at noon on Friday in the High School Commons (school is being dismissed on Friday) with the opening ceremonies to be held that evening in the High School Auditorium. The mixer will be held after the opening at the Annunciation Community Center (previously the Knights of Columbus Hall) and if weather permitting could be held at our new amphitheater. Vendor displays will be open on Saturday morning at the High School with the firefighter contests to be held in the south parking lot, a parade will begin at 2:00 from the high school through our downtown area. The banquet, awards presentation and keynote speaker will be on Saturday night in the high school auditorium with the dance being held at the Annunciation Community Center.

We have a number of limited sponsorship packages available

that we would like to offer to you, or please consider placing an ad in our convention book that will be distributed to all attendees. We would like to obtain a commitment by February 15th to allow us time to get this laid out.

Futher information may be obtained from myself, David Pratt or Jeff Herndon by contacting the station at 628-4122. Information on the convention is on the website [KearneyFirefighters.org](http://KearneyFirefighters.org)

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