
A voice that promotes planned economic growth by linking people in business, government and the community.

Presidential Thoughts- Fall 2008...

Anticipation of change ignites our days now. Change is difficult, even when it's for the better. As the Chamber continues to move forward we are trying to anticipate what will be affecting our members and how we are able to address some of these issues. We have a plan to provide support to your growing business over the next year.

Currently we are working on our new website that should create new interest and ways for accessing information about you as members and Chamber activities. We are also adding a Job Fair to our Home and Business EXPO '09/King of the Grill in Spring Hill event on April 4TH. Other opportunities to showcase Chamber businesses and our community are being discussed. We will share those ideas with you as we evaluate our fundraising efforts.

Participation in Chamber events is designed to be affordable for all Chamber members. To date, membership dues have been the primary financial support for Chamber activities. Simply put, if the Chamber is going to offer more services to the community, we need to broaden our funding base. Considering fundraising ideas, we are hopeful that we will be able to keep our membership dues and participation costs reasonable while adding activities that will increase our visibility and continue to promote Chamber members.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Hillsdale Bank Bar B.Q. 201 Frisco in Hillsdale joined our Chamber this month. Open Friday, Saturday and Sundays from 11:00am-9:00pm, they offer a wide selection of smoked meats. Their specialty is the best burnt ends and pulled pork. Wood Fired Pizza is offered after 5:00pm. is a culinary delight. Dine in the historical bank or the railroad caboose. No reservations required, however it help if you call ahead with large parties. Onsite private parties and catering available, call for more information. Owners Greg and Donna can be reached at (913) 783-4333. Email address: HBBBQ@MOKANCOM.NET

Arbonne International, 710 Thunder Gulch, Raymore, MO 64083. Maureen Griffin, independent consultant, is available for in-home presentations or will provide products for you to sample at your own convenience. She would love to introduce to you to any of Arbonne's product lines, skin care, anti-aging cosmetics, health supplements, weight loss or the new detox spa. You may reach her by phone at (816)868-1559 or by email www.maurengriffin.myarbonne.com.

Gambino's Pizza, 116 E. Wilson is proud to be located in Spring Hill. They are open for lunch Tuesday thru Friday, 11 am.-1:30 pm. Dinner hours are T-F 5-9 pm, Sat. 11-9 pm, Sun. 12-8 pm. Closed on Monday. Brian Rice, owner, can be reached by phone at (913)963-2640 or by email at topthis9@gmail.com. Visit their web page: www.gambinospizza.com.

Candlewood Suites, 15490 S. Rogers Rd., Olathe, KS. 66062, With special amenities, such as a full kitchen in every suite they are the perfect alternative to a corporate apartment or for extended stay. Jamie Dozark, Director of Sales, can be reached at (913)768-8888 or by email at jdozark@hmahotels.com. Visit their web page and see the special features this hotel offers at www.candlewoodsuites.com/olatheks

TRAVEL "BACK TO THE FUTURE"-November 10th



This year's theme for the Annual Dinner will let you set your clocks forward or turn them back. You've seen the movies. What's your preference? Hitting rewind, fast forward or pause? Do you wish you could return to another time and place? What about leaping into the future to see what it brings? Let's have some fun reminiscing or peering into our crystal ball. What was the style or mood of your favorite year or decade? Where do you want to be in 10 years? What will your business be like a generation from now? Come celebrate the past and imagine the future of our business community.

What: Spring Hill Chamber Annual Dinner

When: Monday, November 10th

Time: 6:00-8:30

Where: Spring Hill Community Center

Ticket Price: \$25/person (same as last year)

RSVP By October 31st with Payment To:

Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 15

Spring Hill, KS 66083

Call (913)592-3893 to use visa, mastercard or American express

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS: \$50(same as last year) Table sponsorship reservations need to be made by October 20th. Only 20 tables available.

A Live and Silent auction have been added to our Annual Dinner:

Here's what you need to know:

1. Please consider donating an item to our auction. In similar silent auctions, successful items include: gift baskets, wine, holiday items, children's items, specialty services, gift certificates, electronic equipment, artwork, and books. Popular live auctions items: weekend getaways, fishing and camping equipment, tickets to sporting or entertainment events, barbeque grills and equipment, etc. I have enclosed a donation form for you to complete.
2. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend our Annual Dinner and auction on November 10th. We promise to provide good food, entertainment and memorable conversation. Don't forget your checkbooks! Our auctioneer for the evening will be Mayor Mark Squire of Spring Hill. Once again, the Annual Dinner will be "the event of the season."

We plan on this auction becoming an annual event. Please think of us when you are planning your 2009 budget. Thank you in advance for your support of this important event.

Remember to "Think Spring Hill--Shop Chamber Members First!"

New Homeowners Binders have changed!

Our binders have become our membership directories. They are still hand delivered to new homeowners in the Spring Hill area every quarter, but they are also being used as directories for anyone who needs information about the businesses in town



The third quarter binders will be assembled on October 13th. If you would like to have your advertisement included in this publication, please have your materials to the Chamber office by October 10th. We will be assembling 50 copies this quarter. If you would like your materials printed in the Chamber office, please send by email to chamber@springhillks.org.

A Special Thank you to the Fall Festival Organizers

What a fabulous Saturday it was for everyone. It takes months to organize and present an event such as this. We need to make a special effort to thank the people who continue to make this event memorable each year. Thank you to everyone who organized this great memory making event.

I recently received an email from Kate O'Neil and Tobi Bitner with a link to a video they put together featuring the Fall Festival Parade and Booths. If you have time to look at this it will only increase your pride in Spring Hill and the amount of effort that is put into making the festival better each year.

<http://www.mydeo.com/videodownload.asp?YID=298&CID=222792>

Outstanding Commitment nominees sought

Annually, Chamber members recognize one of their own with the Outstanding Commitment Award. The award, presented during the November annual meeting, is given to the individual with the most nominations. Please use the following form to submit your nominee. All chamber members are eligible for this recognition. Last year, Jim Fagan, Fagan Insurance, earned this award. Previous honorees include Rick Smith, Steve Hicks, Norma Swanson, Laurel Stremler, Steve Sebasto, Joel Atwell, Dr. Steve Shelor, David Dunmire, Janet McRae, Carmen Ellis, Ron Stiles, Jeff Williams, Mary Peters, and Barton Goering. Please submit your nomination by Oct. 17.

Outstanding Commitment nominee

Nominee's name _____

Submitted by _____

Please submit your nomination by October 17, 2008
You may fax it to 913-592-3893 or mail it to P.O. Box 15, Spring Hill, KS 66083

BUSINESS APPRECIATION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Thank you for participating in the Business Appreciation Award nomination process. This award was initiated in 2002. Nominations are accepted in four separate categories manufacturing, distribution, service, and retail. **Nominees must be a current member of the Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce.**

The Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors will select a local winner in each category. Local winners are submitted to the Kansas Business Appreciation Award Competition. The deadline for the local award is October 17, 2008. Award recipients will become the area's nominees for the state award program.

Business Nominated _____ Total Employees _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____
Phone _____ Contact _____
E-mail _____

Type of business Manufacturing Distribution Service Retail

Please provide a less than 50-word description of the business.

Person submitting nomination _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____
Phone _____ Contact _____
E-mail _____

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. How long has the business been in Kansas? Year established _____

1-5 years 6-15 years 16-25 years 26+ years

2. Has the business expanded its facilities in the past ten years? Yes No

During the past ten years, the expansion(s) totaled _____ sq. ft. and
\$ _____ of capital investment.

3. Has the business expanded its employee base (and retained those employees) within the past ten years? Yes No

The number of employees added _____.

4. In what way(s) does the business support local activities? (Please list as many as possible or give examples. Use additional pages if necessary.)

Education

Community Events

Economic Development

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS 5:00 PM. October 17, 2008

Contact the Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce at (913) 592-3893 or chamber@springhillks.org

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TO:

FAX: (913) 592-3893

OR

MAIL: P.O. Box 15

Spring Hill, KS 66083

Calendar of Events

October

Oct. 3- First Friday Donuts 8-9 a.m.-Johnson County Library
Oct. 9- Board Meeting 12-1 p.m.
Oct. 13- Columbus Day – Chamber Office Closed
Oct. 16- General Membership Meeting 12-1 pm
Oct 17- Chamber Coffee-Hosted by State Rep. Mike Kiegerl.

November

Nov. 4- ELECTION DAY – PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE
Nov. 7- First Friday Donuts 8-9 am Sweetwater Creek Subdivision
Nov. 10-ANNUAL DINNER 6-8:30 pm
Nov. 13 Board Meeting 12-1 pm
Nov. 20-NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Nov. 24- December 10– Chamber Office Closed

December

Dec. 5- First Friday Donuts – Perfect Details – 8-9 am
Dec. 11-Board Meeting 12-1 pm
Dec. 18- NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Dec. 25- Christmas Day – Chamber Office Closed
Dec. 26- Chamber Office Closed
Dec. 31- Christmas Eve – Office may close

2009 First Friday Donuts Schedule

- January 9- Hosted by Harms Insurance Agency
- February 6- Hosted by ReUse Concrete Sealing Specialists
- March 6- Hosted by Reece Nichols, Wehner & Associates
- April 3- Hosted by Equity Bank
- May 1- Hosted by Sonic Drive-In

MARILYN FERGUSON: It's not so much that we're afraid of change or so in love with the old ways, but it's that place in between that we fear . . . It's like being between trapezes. It's Linus when his blanket is in the dryer. There's nothing to hold on to.

Thank you for your making a contribution to our fundraiser.
Please complete this form and mail or Fax it to Ann Jensen,
Executive Director, at PO Box 15, Spring Hill, KS 66083
(913)592-3893.

Organization Name: _____

Location: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please describe the Item you are donating (be as descriptive as possible): _____

Approximate Retail Value: \$ _____

Thank you for your support