

Agenda

KEARNEY BUSINESS

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Chamber Leadership Partners 2010

"The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet." Theodore M. Hesburgh

The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce those businesses that have shown great leadership and great vision by understanding the importance of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Partner program. Leadership partners for 2010 are: Cash-Wa Distributing, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Nebraska, Eaton Corporation, Edward Jones, Five Points Bank, Frontier, Good Samaritan Hospital, Hellman, Main, Coslor & Kathol PC, Holiday Inn, Intellicom Inc., Kearney Accommodations, Kearney Hub, Nebraska National Bank, Nebraska Public Power District, Northwestern Energy, Platte Valley State Bank, TierOne Bank, Wells Fargo, Viera Event Center & Tri City Storm.

Chamber Leadership Partners provide non-dues revenue financial support that allows the Chamber to reach new programming goals while maintaining a reasonable base dues rate for all members. "Our community is fortunate to have strong business leaders who recognize the importance of maintaining a reasonable dues rate for all of our over 850 member businesses and individuals" said Jan Rodehorst, Chamber Executive Director. "Their generous contribution will allow us to explore and develop new programs that will benefit all members of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce."

2010 is the second year of this program and has 20 Leadership Partners. The Chamber's goal is to add 6 new members yet this year. If you are interested in the Leadership Partner program, please contact Jan Rodehorst at the Chamber.

Upcoming Events

- Small Business Committee Training**
Wednesday, April 7th - Business Continuity Planning
8:30 - 9:30 AM • Chamber Center
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
- Business After Hours**
Thursday, April 8th • 5-7 p.m.
Northridge Senior Living Community
5410 17th Ave
- Coffee Connection**
Wednesday, April 14th • 7:30 a.m.
Sponsored by Northwestern Energy.
- Diversity Committee Training**
Thursday, April 15th - Slash The Slang
11:45-12:45 • Chamber Center
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
- Ribbon Cutting**
KozZone Children's Museum
5327 4th Avenue
April 22nd • 11:00 a.m.
- Technology Committee Training**
April 27th • Noon - 1:00 PM
Designing the Worker Thesis An Aging Workforce
Chamber Center - OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
- Training Opportunity**
Failure is Not an Option Training
Presented by Associated Staffing & KACC
Thursday, April 29th • 11:45 - 1pm
Ramada Inn, \$15.00 (lunch included)
For more information or to RSVP contact
Lacy Marshall at lmarshall@kearneycoc.org

Career Fair

The 2010 Career Fair will take place April 21st at the Nebraska National Guard Armory in Kearney from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Many High Schools from the area are planning to attend, bringing over 300 students to experience career areas such as Agriculture, Construction, Sales, Architecture, Education, Art & Design, Health Care, Cosmetology and Mechanical Professions.

Would you like to bring a booth? Would you like to bring your students? There is still time! You have until April 12th to sign up. Just contact Lacy Marshall at lmarshall@kearneycoc.org.

Membership Happenings



Failure is Not an Option

Join us for this excellent training opportunity presented by Associated Staffing and the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce. This seminar will go over leadership by positive thinking, being mentally strong, tricks minds play that affect attitude, being successful in difficult times and creating the right mindset. The training is available April 29th from 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Ramada Inn for the small fee of \$15, which includes your lunch. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lacy Marshall at lmarshall@kearneycoc.org.

Leadership Kearney Graduation

The 2009-2010 Class of Leadership Kearney is coming to a close. The Youth Leadership Kearney class of 2009-2010 will graduate on Wednesday, April 14. The Adult Leadership Kearney class will go for one more session in April and then graduate on Wednesday, May 12.

The classes started out in September of 2009 when the adult class had their retreat and the youth class had their Media and Communications Day. The classes continued on with Business & Industry Day in October, Local Government Day in November, Education Day in December was postponed due to weather, Health and Human Services Day in January, Art, Culture and Recreation Day in February, State Government Day took place in Lincoln in March and the Adults have their Energy and Environment Day in April on the same day the Youth have their graduation. In May, the Adult class will have their graduation.

Nominations are being accepted for the 2010-2011 Leadership Kearney classes and applications will be sent out to the nominees mid-April. Leadership Kearney is an excellent opportunity to learn from, network with and get involved in the Kearney community. The upcoming adult class will be the 20th to have gone through this excellent program. Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors and participants that have been involved over the last 19 years!

New Members

- Awarri Dunes Golf Club**
Elizabeth & Chad Lydiatt
524 S. Road • (308) 743-1111
Axtell, NE 68924
www.awarridunes.com
elizabeth@awarridunes.com
Golf Course
- First National Merchant Solutions**
(a division of Platte Valley State Bank)
Tyler Thiessen
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Credit Card Processing
- Alex Straatmann**
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Kearney, NE 68845
astraat4@hotmail.com
Individual
- Thrivent Financial For Lutherans**
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Kearney, NE 68847
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tom.bosshardt@thrivent.com
linda.mulhbach@thrivent.com
Financial & Financial Advisors/Insurance

Committee Meetings

- All meetings at Chamber Center unless noted.
- Envoys**
Tuesday, April 6th • Noon
at Viera Event Center
 - Small Business Council Training**
Business Continuity Planning
Presented by SCEDD
April 7th • Training at 8:30 a.m.
OPEN TO ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS
 - Business & Youth Education Meeting**
April 8th • Noon
 - Colones**
April 13th • 4:00 p.m.
 - Sport and Recreation Meeting**
April 14th • 4:00 p.m.
 - Diversity Committee Training**
"Slash The Slang" presented by KPS Unity Group
April 15th • 11:48 a.m.
OPEN TO ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS
 - Hospitality Committee Meeting**
April 21st • Noon
 - University Relations Meeting**
April 22nd • 8:30 a.m.
 - Senior Coalition Meeting**
April 27th • Noon
 - Technology Committee Training**
"Adapting the Workforce for an Aging Workforce" presented by NATP
April 27th • Noon
OPEN TO ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS
 - Ag Committee Meeting**
April 28th • 11:30 a.m.
\$5 Lunch - please RSVP



1st Annual Heartland Showpig Shootout
The Kearney Visitors Bureau & Chamber Ag Committee are excited to announce the first ever Heartland Showpig Shootout. Scheduled for May 21st thru 23rd at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. For more information, visit their website at www.heartlandshowpigshootout.com.

The Kearney Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic
The annual Golf Classic is scheduled for June 11th at Meadowlark Hills Golf course in Kearney. Put it on your calendar now, and watch for more exciting details SOON!

Chamber's Week-at-a-Glance

A great way to keep up with Chamber activities week to week is to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter the Week-At-A-Glance. This brief and informative e-newsletter goes out each Thursday and covers the upcoming week's committees and events schedule, information about a current member, a new member and local events and happenings. The format is a quick read that will keep you up to date with Chamber activities. Sponsored by the Kearney Hub and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska, it is a great way to stay informed. If you would like your business featured in an upcoming Week-At-A-Glance, contact Jan Rodehorst at the Chamber.

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