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#### **ON THE COVER**

Halina Conti from Ameriprise Financial and our Vice Chair Carl Lathan from Hope hospice enjoy doing Business After Hours at Catering to You sponsored by Dana Grimm at Daniel & Henry!

If you would like to sponsor a Greater north County Chamber of Commerce event in the future, please contact the chamber office.



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### **Venus Martz**

And then there's August, my friends... the Sunday of Summer. The children are sun-kissed and ready for the first days of school and parents everywhere sigh in unison. How did we blink and most of 2021 is gone? I've already bought my 2022 planner! So far, it's been a tremendous 2021! We've had a 95% retention rate in membership and a 12% increase in new membership. There are over 300 networking opportunities that the Chamber provides for its members! We love helping you build, grow, connect, and market your business!

Thank you to all those that will sponsor, participate, and volunteer for our 2021 Scholarship Bowl! We cannot do it without your support! We're looking forward to a fun and safe time at Crest Bowl! Funds raised go towards our 2022 Scholarships and since it's inception, the Chamber has given \$100,000 in scholarships to our North County graduating seniors. We will be taking Back To School item donations during the event!

Ladies! Reserve your calendar for September 24th for the Chamber's Annual Women's Empowerment Seminar: Caring for Yourself! Presented by The Emerson Family YMCA and SSM Health DePaul. We have lined up phenomenal speakers for the day with Mental Health Speaker - Ms. Kennedy Brown, A.R.C. Foundation; Person Safety - Ms. Jorina Celeridad, Girls Getta Grip; Natural Health - Dr. Robyn Lawrence, Get Well Family Chiropractic; and Personal Finances - Ms. Halina Conti, Ameriprise Financial. Early bird pricing is \$30! Call the chamber office today! Sponsorships are available.

Sign up now for our Membership Luncheon on August 18th at Orlando Gardens! Speakers will be Elliot Liebson, Economic Development Director for the City of Feguson; Travis Wilson, Economic Development Director for the City of Florissant; Rebecca Ahlvin, Economic Development Director for the City of Jennings.

Please join us for August's Business After Hours on Thursday, August 12th at the Dooley's Florist in Florissant from 5-7 p.m. Bring a friend, a spouse or a colleague! The more the merrier!

I leave you with this quote from Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Best of luck to all our students, parents, school districts and private schools! I hope you have a very inspiring and successful new school year.





#### **CHAIR'S LETTER**

#### **Rick Dorsey**

"Summertime and the livin' is easy....\*" Yes, the dog days of summer are upon us; the heat and the humidity. Did you know that when Great Britain maintained a Counsel's Office in St. Louis, its employees received "tropical duty pay" during the summer?

When I was growing up, our family always went on vacation in August. It was the time of year when the business where my father worked slowed down enough that he could take time off. So, there we were going on a trip, quite often to the Lake of the Ozarks, and dreading the day after Labor Day when school would start.

No such August slow-down is taking place in your Chamber this month. On August 5, we have our Scholarship Bowl at Crest Lanes. Sponsorships are still available. Just call the Chamber Office. August 10th is our Women In Networking lunch at Amore Pizza. On August 12th we have our Business After Hours at Dooley's Florists. August 18th is our monthly Membership Lunch, this month at Orlando's. At this time, I don't know what the program will be, but it will have to be really good to top our July program!

On August 24th, we will have a MEWA Health Insurance Seminar. If you are looking for health insurance for you and your employees, you should plan on attending. We are having our New Member Orientation on the 25th. Come and learn more about your Chamber. Both of these events will be held at the Chamber Office. Call the office for reservations. Finally, on the 26th we will have our FUEL Lunch at Cugino's.

Looking ahead to September, it is not to early to make your reservations for our 8th annual Women's Empowerment Seminar. Sponsorship and Vendor packages are available through the Chamber Office.

So, as you can see, August is a very full month. Also, don't forget that we can always use help on our committees.

More later,

Kick

"Porgy and Bess" by George and Ira Gershwin

Did you know?

As a member you can join one of our three Leads Groups at no additional cost to you??? It's free with your GNC Chamber Membership! Check one out today!

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#### **AUGUST CALENDAR**

#### Tuesday, August 3rd

**Leads Group 3** 

8:30 am

**GNC Chamber Office** 

#### **Thursday, August 5th**

**Scholarship Bowling Tournament** 

6 pm

**Crest Bowl** 

#### Tuesday, August 10th

Leads Group 3

8:30 am

**GNC Chamber Office** 

#### **WIN Lunch**

Noon

Amore' Pizza

#### Wednesday, August 11th

**Board Meeting** 

11:30am

Catering to You

#### Thursday, August 12th

Leads Group 1

7:30 am

Helfer's Deli

#### Leads Group 2

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#### August Business after Hours-Sponsored by Dooley's Florist & Gifts

5 pm to 7 pm Dooley's Florist & Gifts

#### Friday, August 13th

**Ambassador Meeting** 

9 am

**GNC Chamber Office** 

#### **Tuesday, August 17th**

Leads Group 3

8:30 am

**GNC Chamber Office** 

#### Wednesday, August 18th

**August Membership Luncheon** 

11:30 am to 1 pm

Orlando's Catering & Event Center

#### **Tuesday, August 24th**

**MEWA Seminar** 

9:30 am

**GNC Chamber Office** 

#### Wednesday, August 25th

**Member Orientation** 

9 am

**GNC Chamber Office** 

#### **Thursday, August 26th**

Leads Group 1

7:30 am

Helfer's Deli

#### Leads Group 2

Noon

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#### **GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **David Sohn** US Bank

David Sohn is the Vice President & High Value Business Banking Consultant for US Bank! David is new to the Greater North County Chamber Board of Directors and has jumped right in! David has volunteered at our Annual GNC Golf Tournament and serves as the Chair for the FUEL Lunch Group! Thank you for serving on our Board of Directors David!



#### **MEET YOUR CHAMBER STAFF**

#### **Danielle Berliner**

Danielle is our Administrative Assistant and has been with the GNC Chamber for 3 years! Danielle does a little bit of everything in our office! She's the creative mind in our GNC Chamber Dream Team! She's a wonderful Mom to two amazing kiddos and a wife to her sweetheart Mikey! We are lucky and blessed that she said yes to our peer pressuring to join our team 3 years ago!

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#### **CHAMBER HAPPENINGS**

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#### **Happy Renovations!**



Congratulations to the Emerson Family YMCA in Ferguson on the ribbon cutting for the renovations they did—this was a project that was over a million dollars! The facility looks amazing! It's beautiful!! If you have not had a chance to see it make time to stop in and see Jennie, Phedra and the whole Emerson Family team!



#### **Happy Lunching!**

Our July Luncheon hosted by Catering to You brought us some delicious food and great information from GNC Chamber Board Chair, Rick Dorsey of Ahlheim & Dorsey regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine and your business! If you weren't there you missed out on wonderful information! Our Non-Profit of the month was Vitendo 4 Africa, guest speaker Sally Gacheru was very informative on the wonderful work Vitendo does. You can check them out here: http://www.vitendo4africa.org We also welcomed four of our newest GNC Chamber members! Ivy Grant with St. Louis Metro Realtors, Dave Morris with Bin There Dump That, Jennifer Burgess with Florissant Valley Health & Rehab, and Cristina Garcia with Garcia Insurance! Welcome to the GNC Chamber!

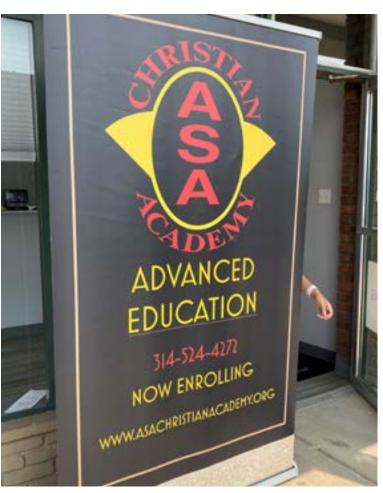


Mark your calendars for the August Luncheon on Wednesday, August 18th at Orlando's Catering & Event Center!

#### **Happy Workiversary!**



Happy 4 Year Workiversary to our fearless leader, GNC Chamber President, Venus Martz! In the 4 years that you have been our fearless leader we have formed the "Dream Team" and you have brought back spunk, new ideas and overall a fresh, exciting energy to this Chamber! We are blessed to have you driving this crazy train!! Happy Workiversary!!



#### **Happy Ribbon Cutting!**

ASA Christian Academy Ribbon Cutting! Congratulations to Janet Strickland and her team on the new location of ASA Christian Academy! The new location is at 7413 N. Lindbergh in Hazelwood! This new location is for tutoring for children from Pre-K all the way to college students!

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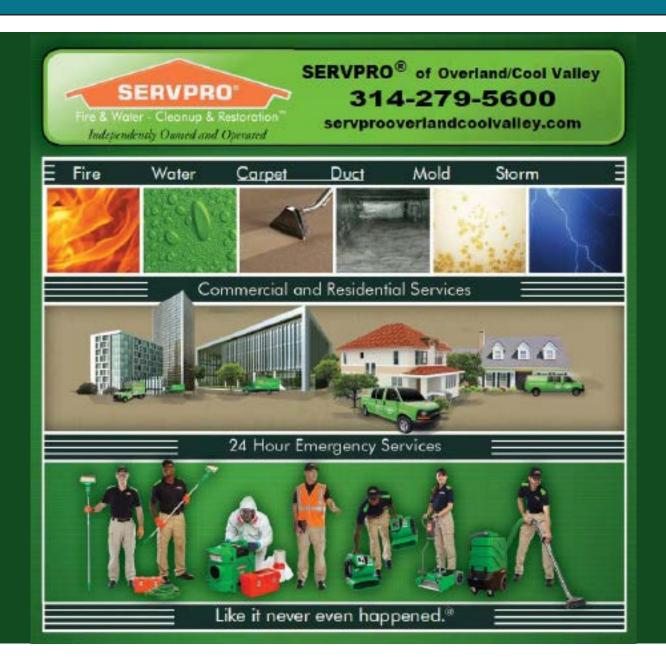
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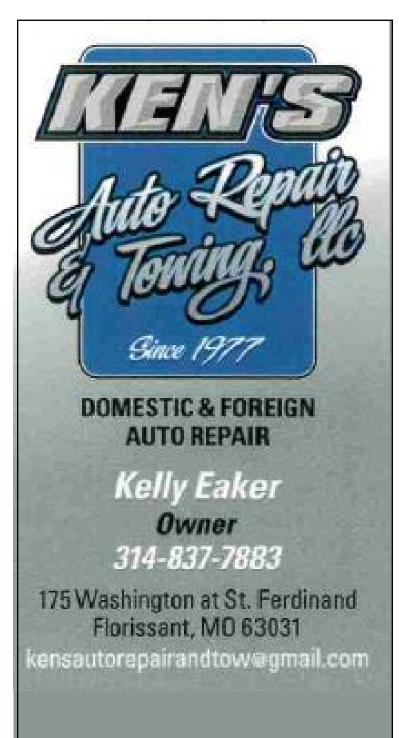


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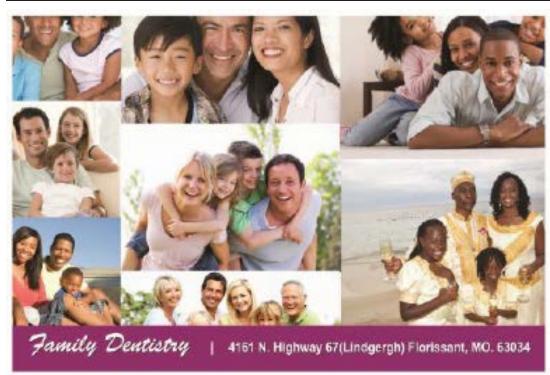
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