Take a deep breath of our beautiful fall air. Oxygen is the silent but wonderful part of us as living breathing beings. And you know what makes up a large part of us being able to sustain life on the Earth? Take a look at our trees – they are giving back oxygen and taking in carbon dioxide every day.

So what does it take to make sure our environment is protected? By making sure we take care of our forests and oh so many areas where trees abound. And what’s better than knowing a true expert when it comes to trees – why not talk to our own Phil (Felici) Giordano of Grade-A Tree Care.

Working on and around trees is tough work, and it makes sense that growing up in a little tougher environment may have helped in this regard. And don’t think having the name Felici didn’t add to the cause. Phil honed his skills from the ground up (literally). In the early ‘80’s, he became certified and was trimming trees, and later worked for a utility company taking care of loose branches around power lines.

Phil has always been a risk taker. As he worked for the utilities, and was president of the local union, he found himself being a part of Kansas City’s 1996 “October Surprise”, overwhelmed with work, some asking him to come before or after he got done with the utility company’s job to get paid on the side for trimming downed limbs.

That’s when he started Grade-A Tree Care. Phil also found out that sometimes having a business partner does not work the way it seemed it should. Before this, Phil did not have a lot of mentoring. Then he was introduced to the Prospectors Club by Jeff Morgan, and this changed everything!

Since the early 2000’s, he has grown his business so much so that he even had an opportunity to purchase an existing business with both employees and clients, and who knows what lies ahead for Phil. He has now been doing business on his own for 19 years.

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UPCOMING

SPEAKERS

SCHEDULE

Here is a list of our upcoming speakers. Please note some events are evenings or away from Deer Creek CC.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING PROSPECTORS?

Give Chris Pickering, our Membership Chairman a call at 913-647-9019 or email at cfp@pickeringlawfirm.com before you visit our group so we can make sure there are no category conflicts with our current members.

Sept. 17 – Darryl Hawkins of Innovative Design and Renovation at Deer Creek CC.

Sept. 24 – Janine Terstriep – The Decorative Touch at Deer Creek CC.

Oct. 1 – NO MEETING TODAY

Oct. 2 – Annual Prospectors Golf Tournament at Deer Creek CC – After Hours at Coach’s South Bar & Grill
Trivia Question:-

What singing group was once known as The Four Lovers? (Mr. Holk ??)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Do not go where the path may lead.
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The man who won the 1976 Nobel Prize for his novel Humboldt’s Gift was Saul Bellow.

SOMETHING NEW AND FRESH - ROCK STAR STATUS !!

This is ALL about YOU. We are all ROCK STAR’s in this group. So now’s YOUR chance to tell us why you shine. What projects you are working on, or what makes your business stand out from the rest. So get your ideas ready - you’ll be called soon to hear YOUR STORY !!
Giving the Gift of Life to Millions of People Around the World – That’s How Important Trees Are Today.

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Phil continued to discuss how well we support each other in Prospectors. He says how it has overwhelmed him at the giving nature of our group. This could not have been more evident as when his son Nick was told he had respiratory issues and would need a lung transplant to correct the problems. Nick has waged a fight for nearly 28 years. Today he is waiting on a list for his transplant surgery.

In fact, on October 3rd, there will be a fund raiser for Nick – more details will follow soon.

Phil also spoke out that this year, there has been an excessive amount of rain, thunder storms, etc., and this has ended up placing them behind the 8-ball this past weeks.

The last thing Phil wanted us to know was how he loves playing and singing music, and his true love of playing drums. Seems he uses his outlet of music as a release for escaping from the world as he knows it to a cool place, a peaceful place.

So again thank you Phil for being who you are and what you have grown to become – a better husband and father, a better sibling, a better musician, and a true humanitarian.

BE A PART OF THE BEST NETWORKING GROUP IN JOHNSON COUNTY – COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW PROSPECTORS THIS THURSDAY.

UPCOMING EVENTS:-

Several After The Facts are being organized for the near future – watch for details soon.

PBC Annual Golf Tournament – Friday, October 2nd at Deer Creek CC. (There is no meeting on that Thursday, Oct. 1st). Tee times will be announced closer to date. Plan on joining us for a great After Hours at Coach’s South after golf (around 5:30 pm). SIGN UP NOW FOR GOLF AND SPONSORSHIPS
Thursday, October 22nd – Annual Give-A-Bear Fundraiser Auction - $50 in advance; $75 at the door. Contact Kevin York for more details.

Christmas Party Saturday, December 5th, 2015 – SAVE THE DATE
At 1520 Grand on Downtown KCMO !!

PROSPECTOR EVENTS / NEWS / CHARITABLE CAUSES

Jeff Morgan along with Morgan Miller Plumbing will be organizing a coat drive in the near future for those that do not have a winter coat and desperately need one. More details will be forthcoming, so as you begin cleaning out your closets for fall, set a few gently used coats aside for Jeff’s cause. And Kathleen Cussen at Hanger’s Cleaners will be providing dry cleaning for those coats before they are donated.
Bryan Rapp is walking in this year’s event - Be sure to check out Light The Night Walk that supports the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society this year located at the Cleveland Chiropractic Campus this coming Friday night – September 18th. Give Bryan a call if you want to donate to his team or participate in some way.
GIVE BACK TO
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For example: If Reconciliation Services has 500 supporters and each family spends an average of $500 a year at Hangers, it will result in a **$25,000**

contribution to Reconciliation Services – Every Year! (500 x $500 = $250,000)

Delivery to Reconciliation Services family’s homes:
Hangers will pickup and deliver every Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday

How to Sign Up:
1. On-line at www.hangerskc.com or call at 816.941.2262. Make sure to mention “Reconciliation Services” on the phone or type it in the “comments” box if you sign up on-line. *Already a customer? Just put this flyer in your bag!*
2. Hangers will make a personalized blue “Hangers” bag for your dirty items.
3. Hangers will pick up the dirty clothes from a designated spot (front porch preferred) and will then deliver it back to an agreed-upon spot the following delivery day. There is no minimum order size.
4. From then on, just place your dirty clothes in your blue bag and put it on front porch and Hangers will pick it up on the scheduled day!

Contact: Kathleen Cussen at kcssen@hangerskc.com or call at 816.941.2262

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Prospector’s Breakfast Club

Attendance and Thank You’s

Meeting Date: ___Sept. 10, 2015___

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