All of you remember when you were growing up, and you came home from school, and as soon as you opened the front door to your house, there was that unforgettable smell! Chocolate cake.....cinnamon rolls.....freshly baked bread.....chocolate chip cookies! Breathe deeply. Maybe you can still smell that aroma of baked goods permeating your home. There is nothing like it. You couldn’t wait to taste any of those homemade goodies.

That’s what it was like last week when we visited Erin Brown at her wonderful business – Dolce Bakery in the Prairie Village Shops. Erin has had the baking bug in her since a very young child. She loved being around her Mother and Grandmother since the age of 5. Loved being in the kitchen, and it didn’t matter where she was – in Manhattan, KS where she was born, or later when her family moved their business to KC.

You see, Erin always thought that they had everything, when in reality, she never realized they didn’t have much. Her father worked long hours in order to provide for his family.

Erin found herself really just having fun, mixing up all different concoctions together experimenting with what worked and what did not, and maybe using a recipe of her grandma’s as a guide. But somehow, what she made turned out so great, so tasty, her family asked her to make their favorites, and seeing them enjoy each bite went straight to her heart.

Erin said that “baking is such a heart-filled business”.

So life was good for Erin as a teenager, and like many of us, she took on any job just to show her parents she was willing to work for the few things she desired most. She was cleaning homes when she met Sheri Mortko, a friend of Erin’s father. They spent many days together, Sheri watching as she cleaned her home. Sheri listened to Erin talk about many subjects, as Sheri probed what she wanted to do with her life. Erin had not really considered anything, but told her of how she loved to bake. No, looovvvved to bake! “I just want to bake cookies for people” she said.

By this time, Erin was having friends and family ask her to bake cookies, cakes, and other assorted delights for them. So she quit cleaning homes and pursued work in the food industry as a server and then as a prep cook in an upscale restaurant. This led her to a job at Dean & DeLuca’s where she eventually managed their catering department. This job taught her the most. They gave her lots of flexibility to spread her wings, and she took full advantage. She told her boss that she thinks she could go out on her own, and bake the goods they sold at D & D, and allow them to make more profit and give her a chance to start a business. Surprisingly, they agreed.

She opened a bakery in a basement at 47th and Rainbow (she admits it was a rat hole), but from there she was now baking, delivering, and returning to do the dishes, and then coming in the next day to do it all over again.

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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 Keith Steiniger, our Membership Chairman a call at 913-735-2780 or email at ksteiniger@idologymg.com before you visit our group so we can make sure there are no category conflicts with our current members.

Nov. 10 – Alan Goodheart of Goodheart’s Jewelry at Deer Creek CC.

Nov. 17 – Das Hardin of Village Flower Co. AT VILLAGE FLOWER CO.

Nov. 24 – THANKSGIVING DAY – NO MEETING

Dec. 1 – Janine Terstriep of the Decorative Touch AT HER LOCATION.

Dec. 8 – Mike Brosseit of Top Notch Heating & Cooling at Deer Creek CC.

Dec. 15 – Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange

Dec. 22 – NO MEETING – CHRISTMAS WEEK.
**Trivia Question:-**

Exactly how many bones are there in the human body?

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*By working faithfully eight hours a day you may eventually get to be boss and work twelve hours a day.*

The person playing Humpty Dumpty in the 1933 film Alice in Wonderland was W.C. Fields.

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**Forget that scratch-and-sniff stuff. It better to experience these delicacies hands-on !!**

Her husband happened upon a location in Prairie Village Shops next to Village Flower owned by Das Hardin, a true step up. Traffic from Starbucks and Das’s store, plus besides walk-in clients, she was gaining wholesale accounts that stressed her capabilities to the max. She was outgrowing the space in 6 months, but lasted four years before moving a block west to her current huge, custom designed bakery and eatery. A dream that has become a reality.

Her other dream, a desire of most young women – was to become a mother. But she was not ready all these years because she was too busy doing what she loved. But now the time was right, and a miracle happened in the form of John C. Brown, or as we so lovingly call him – “Jack”. This is what changed her focus of what is now important to her. Being with Jack and nurturing her family is number one, but she still keeps her hands in the bakery biz. She has turned a lot of this over to her skilled and talented staff, who have embraced their new role in carrying on what Erin loves- “it’s all about relationships, trust, and friendship – it’s like family”.

It goes without saying – if you want to add a bit of love to your upcoming holiday gatherings, parties, office events, or just to have something delicious by the crackling fire, Dolce might be able to help.

We all are striving to emulate the success and attitude that Erin exudes every week when she comes to Prospectors. We thank her for the expertise she shares, the vision she gives each of us, and for the delightful goodies that warm our hearts. Keep up the great work Erin. We expect to hear even more from you in years to come.
BE A PART OF THE BEST NETWORKING GROUP IN JOHNSON COUNTY – COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW PROSPECTORS THIS THURSDAY

PROSPECTOR EVENTS / NEWS / CHARITABLE CAUSES

Grade A Tree Service (Phil Giordano) is looking for tree trimmers or groundsmen (they will train). If you know of someone that fits this post, Get in touch with Phil at 816-509-2225.

Dolce Bakery is looking to fill multiple positions throughout the bakery, including PT cake and sugar cookie decorator, PT/FT pastry counter sales, and PT dishwasher. If you know someone who would be a good fit and shares our passion for cinnamon rolls send them to dolcebakes.com/joinourteam to fill out an application! Contact them at 913-236-4411.

Save the Date – Sat. December 3rd at Deer Creek CC – Annual Christmas Party
We THANK YOU for your support over the years.

At Operation Give-A-Bear, our goal is to put smiles on the faces of at risk and underprivileged children and the homeless.

We deliver Teddy Bears at Christmas time to those who would normally not receive any gifts...Smiles and hugs abound when Santa and the bears arrive!!

Although we will not be having a fundraising auction this year....we still need your support.

Please consider sponsoring us with a tax deductible donation for 2016.

Your dollars are spent purchasing teddy bears, so that our team of volunteers can dress like Santa and deliver bears to those in need.

HELP us give a child a smile during the holidays.

Your donation can be made on our website: www.operationgiveabear.net or by check to:

21025 West 105th Street

Olathe KS 66061

Thanks again for your support!

Best regards,

Operation Give-A-Bear Board
Dear Friend of Special Olympics;

We need your support for our 26th Annual John L Cassidy Heartland Winter Games. The enclosed brochure discusses monetary donations, but we also need items donated for our annual Dinner and Auction, "Join us at the SOKS Hop." The auction will be held on November 19, 2016, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas. The evening’s activities will include silent and live auctions. More than 200 people attended last year’s event which raised over $28,000 for the Winter Games.

Any item, gift certificate, or basket your business could donate would be an excellent addition to our auction, in addition to promoting your business. In appreciation, your company’s name (or your name if an individual) will be listed both in the auction program as well as in the John L Cassidy Heartland Winter Games program.

The Winter Games will be held in the Kansas City metro area in January 2017 with over 300 athletes from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Arkansas competing in winter sports such as skiing, snowshoeing, ice-skating and floor hockey. The Heartland Winter Games provide a wonderful opportunity for our athletes to compete in these sports. Without the help of our sponsors and donors, this would not be possible.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please contact Ann Wilkinson at 913-219-0264 or larimored@ksso.org or Ruthann Bean at 913-484-1735 with any questions, or send your donations to Kansas Special Olympics, 5280 Foxridge Drive, Mission, KS 66202. You may also visit our website www.ksso.org/winter.html for details on how to reserve your place at our event!

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann Wilkinson

Heartland Winter Games Auction Committee
Prospector's Breakfast Club

Attendance and Thank You's

Meeting Date: **November 3, 2016**

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