STOP – Take a Look Around. You Think Everyone Has What We Have? Live Like We Do? Two Big Screens? Two Cars that Run? Food on the Table? Reality is Quite Different Than You Think!

Think about that for a second. How do you live your life every day? You live in the suburbs or south of “the city”. You get up, go to work, head out to dinner, and go to sleep in your warm home and comfy bed.

The “truth” is – there are some – no, there are MANY that don’t have that privilege. But we don’t pay attention to what is really going on because either we don’t care, or we don’t know what to do, or who to contact first.

Just think, we would have never had an idea of the “truth” if we did not have Cliff O’Bryan of Reconciliation Services present to us what his organization he supports does for those in need.

Cliff had committed to supporting those with health insurance needs for over 25 years. There were some great people he got to know. But he has long supported RS for some time; now he can commit to promoting their mission to more people making them aware of this cause.

Reconciliation Services serves many people around the core surrounding 31st and Troost in KCMO. Back in 1929, this area was thriving. It remained so until urban sprawl started in the 1960’s until the Holy Week riots took place. Since then, Troost has become a dividing line between blacks and whites. Both white residents and businesses were driven out of the city leaving little to support those still residing there.

Cliff presented some amazing stats:-

- Median household income is only $19,149.

What Cliff and his organization hopes to accomplish is to build a vibrant community again in this blighted area and to help reveal these individuals true strengths. They deal with a lot of trauma, and mental health issues. It takes a special set of skills to handle this, and give them dignity and hope.

RS opens its doors to all in need, and every Friday hosts a dinner complete with plated food in a homey secure environment. It serves between 150 and 200 meals. They also help with rent and utilities, a food pantry, what they call a Medical Cabinet for health issues, emergency services, as well as document and ID services.

You would never imagine, but there are so many that do not have a photo ID or even more important, a copy of their birth certificate. You need one or both of them in order to even get a simple job or assistance from the state or Feds. They will do their best to facilitate those needing these ID’s to have them for as little as $25. These can change a person’s life completely!!

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Weekly Newsletter

“There is Strength in Our Numbers.”

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February 9, 2017
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 Stephanie Cocherl, our Membership Chairman a call at 913-266-9314 or email at scocherl@fnbk.com before you visit our group so we can make sure there are no category conflicts with our current members.

Feb. 9 – Tyler Webb DDS at Deer Creek CC.
Feb. 16 – Kyle Douglas of Beautiful Outdoors at Deer Creek CC.
Feb. 23rd – Bryan Rapp of Bryan Rapp Agency AT HIS LOCATION.
Mar. 2nd – Derek Hobbs of GradSpecs at Deer Creek CC.

SNOW POLICY REMINDER
As we are now in winter, reminding you that if they call school off for the Shawnee Mission School District #512 on a scheduled Thursday meeting, then we WILL NOT have a breakfast meeting that day. (Stay tuned this Thursday folks.) Be sure to check with your local TV stations or listen to radio, or go to http://www.smsd.org/ for the latest news.
Trivia Question:-

What does the male praying mantis lose to the female after mating? Hmmm…

Quote of the Week

When people ask, “What do you do?”

Answer: “Whatever it takes”

The President said to have haunted The White House is Abraham Lincoln.

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Their facility at 31st and Troost has become a landing site for those in the neighborhood. They have Wi-Fi, computers available for them to use, do research for jobs, and they get them online so they can have an email address and teach them how to use the internet.

They even have set up a café with beverages and snacks. They want to start changing Troost from a dividing line to a gathering place. They even encourage business people to come to RS for lunch so they can meet those who live and work in the neighborhood.

Cliff wrapped up by telling us they need for others to hear their story. People need to pass this along to those they know so more attention is headed in their direction. This includes church groups, country clubs, Rotary, Kiwanis, even small gatherings in your homes.

Their most obvious need is monetary support, but maybe even more so is moral support. Volunteering, making a visit, getting the word out. You can’t put a price on that.

So keep Reconciliation Services top of mind the next time you question what you can do to make a difference, or who to lend a hand that needs it most. Cliff would be eternally indebted to your service or gift. Thank YOU Cliff for enlightening and inspiring us all.
BE A PART OF THE BEST NETWORKING GROUP IN JOHNSON COUNTY – COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW PROSPECTORS THIS THURSDAY

PROSPECTOR EVENTS / NEWS / CHARITABLE CAUSES

First National Bank is a presenting sponsor for the Kansas City Golf Show held at the Overland Park Convention Center Feb. 17-19.

Ann Wilkinson has 20 free passes and will have those available at breakfast Thursday. If you can’t be at breakfast and would like passes, please let her know. Admission is usually around $12 each.

Feb. 13th – Volleyball Beach Group Happy Hour – 4 to 6 pm.

Feb. 14th – New Members Luncheon at Coach’s – details to follow (new members – mark your calendars)

In February – The Rye Studio is having their highly successful - Dog Days at RYE Studio! The whole month of February.

Free session, Free 5x7 with your donation of a bag of dog food that we will give to the Humane Society of Greater Kansas City. ALL Fridays and weekends are booked right now, but Monday thru Thursdays are still open.... Contact Chase or Amy to reserve your spot !!!
Martin City Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Whiskey Run 5K Race on Sunday, March 12th. Come and reserve your space at Grade A Tree Care to see all the parade action. Mark your calendars now.

Our Speakers program schedule has open spaces starting February 30th. If you have not had a chance to speak to the club since Spring 2016, or if you are new and have not presented yet, please contact Ann at awilkinson@fnkb.com. Remember to think of this as a chance to get your business showcased to 50 top business owners in the Kansas City area. What a great opportunity!

This year we will also have a very few special presenters to the club. If you have a special interest, community leaders you would like to hear, or other interests that you think would appeal to the club, please email Ann at awilkinson@fnbk.com with your idea. Thank You.
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GUESTS

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Name of Business
Your Position (owner, sales, etc.)