



Weekly

Newsletter

"There is Strength in Our Numbers."

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April 27, 2017



**WE ARE AT DEER CREEK CC -  
7300 W. 133<sup>RD</sup> ST., OPKS.  
MEET UP AT 7 AM; BREAKFAST  
AT 7:25; SPEAKER AT 8 AM.**

**SPEAKERS SCHEDULE**

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**THANK YOU'S  
(Technical Difficulties)**

***Gotta Feed A Hungry Crew? Think Your Family is Particular?  
Try Pleasing 3500 Hungry Souls for Dinner.***

Every week you read about or hear on TV the huge groups being hosted in our fair city. Some are sporting events, others conventions or meetings. Sure, they're all here for business. Two things they HAVE to do – sleep and EAT !! And you can bet they would rather be eating than sleeping. So what do all these meeting and convention planners do when it comes to feeding 300, 750, 1550, or believe it or not – 3500 three squares a day plus snacks?

They hire catering companies to make sure every detail is perfect, the food is hot, tasty, and there's lots of it. And oh yea, they want the venue to look nice and presentable too!

No small task. There are less than a handful of those able to fulfill these requests. One of the best is **Brownie Simpson of Kansas City Catering**. This guy is no bum steer (although he began his career herding sirloin steaks on the line buffet at Sirloin Stockades). But he began getting requests from his clients asking for him to serve at their functions like church dinners, clubs, or business meetings.

He began realizing that there was money to be made here, and opened his business in the 1983. He has officed in the same location all this time. Yeh, they have expanded several times and utilized their space to every square foot.

He now does larger special corporate events and receptions of any kind. But he clarified by saying they do anything and everything you have heard of. Open Houses, high school graduation parties, any club that is having a Christmas party, box lunches for meetings, church banquets. Anywhere there is a group of hungry people is an opportunity for Brownie to serve.

In 1986 he landed his first convention bid, including the opening reception, and dinner for 3500 inside Bartle Hall – Gigantic! But he pulled it off, and learned so much along the way!

He has hosted dinners so large, he has had to rent ovens at the JCCC Cooking School. He tries to satisfy all when serving like Prime Rib

with the right amount of rare to medium doneness. You don't want to hear the diners yelling out "raw meat" when some took more medium than others.

Summer brings on large picnics. And no matter the venue, he loves stopping in the middle at the busiest time to watch all the moving parts making it happen like a fine tuned machine.

Other examples were in 1990 he took care of a Veterinarians conference, and 2005 Sam's Clubs brought their management here for a 2 week event requiring three squares a day plus two snacks (a 24 hour round the clock operation). He was so overwhelmed he hired his competition to share the workload. He has to outthink how much manpower and equipment he needs to get the job done right. Even once, he rented a room in the basement of Bartle in order to just wash dishes on site rather than shuttling them back and forth to his facility.

His nicest piece of business was when the Standardized College Testing company came to KC one summer. 4000 people come to grade papers. 105,000 meals served. The largest service in KC so far. **Cont'd Page 3**



## 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](mailto:scocherl@fnbk.com) before you visit our group so we can make sure there are no category conflicts with our current members.

**Apr. 27 – Bradlee Twigg of Plaza Animal Clinic at Deer Creek CC.**

**May 4 – Mike Kopplin – Kopplin’s Wardrobe Management & Design at Deer Creek CC.**

**May 11 – Jennifer Shelton of Jennifer Shelton Balance 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 U.S. state capital took its name from the French for red stick ?

(Advantage- French proficient Club members)



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**Rock bottom became the solid foundation on which I rebuilt my life.**

- J.K. Rowling



The typical human being swallows on average 295 times during dinner hour.

### **Con't. From Page 1.....**

He partners with his competition that actually makes it easier on his staff, and he helps spread the wealth. They have partnered with major local hotels to provide needed logistics for larger events they are having. Again benefiting both parties.

It is an exciting, energy packed business. He says he learns something each and every time he serves food. When Brownie is out on the floor, which is 95% of the time, he is looking at his people's movements during service and dinner, how the operations that bring all the food and get it served in an efficient manner, and then clearing the tables and getting the dishes washed. He coordinates all this movement like an orchestra conductor.

Don't hesitate to call Brownie for anything FOOD. Again, size does not matter – he does any sized event you may have. Go watch him at one of his events and witness the energy and attitude that drives his staff to new heights. Brownie, we stand in awe listening to your road to success you have described. May each of us gain inspiration and the drive to be rewarded like you have set as the example for us all. Good Luck and thanks for all you do for the cause !!

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

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## **PROSPECTOR EVENTS / NEWS / CHARITABLE CAUSES**

Prospectors Volleyball Beach Club meets on Mondays – at 6:15 pm; players there 30 minutes before!!  
At the Volley Ball Beach facility located at 13105 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64145. Volleyball players, we'll see you there, and any other PBC members can come to support the crew!

### Fundraising Happy Hour

Please join Ann Wilkinson and Jennifer Shelton on the deck upstairs at Coach's on 135<sup>th</sup> to support the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.



We will be riding a century ride around Lake Tahoe on June 4<sup>th</sup> and need your support. We will provide appetizers and beverages, please just bring your checkbook, cash, or plastic to support Team in Training. 😊

Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm.

Coach's Bar and Grill 9089 West 135<sup>th</sup> Street Upstairs

Invite your friends, and their friends. RSVP on Facebook event page.



# Cocktails + Golf

Kansas City Chapter  
**April, 30, 2017 3-6 pm**

at Top Golf

*about*

## AN EVENING TO HELP END PKD

Join the Kansas City Chapter of the PKD Foundation for an evening of golf + cocktails to help end PKD. This year, we're combining our former Driving Home a Cure and Cocktails for a Cure events into one night featuring the best of both. Guests will enjoy cocktails, appetizers, prizes and a golf challenge at Top Golf in private bays.

*contact*

For more information and/or to become a sponsor, please visit [www.pkdcure.org/events/kc-cocktails-and-golf](http://www.pkdcure.org/events/kc-cocktails-and-golf) or contact Peggy at [kansascityfundraising@pkdcure.org](mailto:kansascityfundraising@pkdcure.org).

*where* Top Golf  
 10611 Nall Avenue  
 Overland Park, KS 66207

*SEE KEVIN FULL*

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**\$1,000**  
**GOLD**  
*sponsors*

**6** GOLF GUESTS

**1** FULL PAGE PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT

**PREMIER LOGO RECOGNITION**  
 on the EVENT WEBPAGE

**\$500**  
**SILVER**  
*sponsors*

**2** COCKTAIL GUESTS

**2** GOLF GUESTS

**1** HALF PAGE PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT

**PREFERRED LOGO RECOGNITION**  
 on the EVENT WEBPAGE

**\$250**  
**BRONZE**  
*sponsors*

**2** COCKTAIL GUESTS

**1** QUARTER PAGE PROGRAM AD

**PREFERRED LOGO RECOGNITION**  
 on the EVENT WEBPAGE

*Registration opportunities*

\$50 COCKTAIL GUEST

\$75 GOLFER FUN

\$100 GOLFER TOURNAMENT STYLE

\$25 QUARTER PAGE PROGRAM AD

\$50 HALF PAGE PROGRAM AD

\$100 FULL PAGE PROGRAM AD

*Proceeds will support programs of research, advocacy, education, support and awareness at the PKD Foundation.*

*For tax purposes, the fair market value of each event ticket is \$30.*



**BOB REEDER**  
THE IRISH BALLADEER

performing at

**ED'S  
GREAT-GRANDFATHER SHOWER**

**1 May @ 1830**  
**Coach's Bar & Grill**  
9089 W 135 Overland Park, KS

Open Bar    Heavy Hors D'oeuvres

*Lieu of expensive gifts....*  
*Checks: The Independence Fund*

RSVP:  
*Ed 816.616.6138*



**THE INDEPENDENCE FUND**

*Track Chair*



independencefund.org

**Join Ed Hutchison at Coach's on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 5:30 pm – His Great Grandfather Shower -** see invite above and be sure to RSVP.

April / May ?? – (Foodies Club – all welcome) – at Chicken & Pickle – date to be announced.



**May 7, 2017 – Tour de Hope King of the Hill Mountain Challenge** – Benefitting the Hope Center  
Bringing Hope to Deserving Local Charities Through an Uncommonly Fun Cycling Event  
Register at [www.tourdehope.org](http://www.tourdehope.org)

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED !!! See Keith Steiniger**

**AFTER THE FACTS HOSTED BY FIRST NATIONAL BANK at the 96<sup>th</sup> and Metcalf Ave. location. Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm – Try to arrive prior to 5pm; otherwise you will need to call Ann or Stephanie to get them to let you in.**



**An Open House – Wine and Food Tasting**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 3:30pm to 5:30 pm**  
Location: Lutz Plumbing at 23712 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66227  
**RSVP PLEASE TO OFFICE@LUTZPLUMBING.COM**  
**Sponsored by Lutz Plumbing and Top Notch Heating, Cooling, And Plumbing**



Cliff O'Bryan representing Reconciliation Services is announcing his organization's yearly fundraiser called the Troost Jazz and Soul Experience on **Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Arvest Bank Theatre at the Midland.** Tickets and Sponsorships are available for this great event and cause. Please see Cliff O'Bryan for information and forms to become a sponsor or purchase tickets.



**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Phoenix Family Foundation Un-Gala Event – Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.** We have a table for 10 reserved under the Prospectors name. Looks like we already have 4-5 coming. Location is at Bartle Hall, starting @ 5:30pm till 11:00. Mike Darby and Chris Carle, co-owners of Coach's Bar & Grill, are the honorees this year. Tickets are \$175 per person and includes food, drinks, and valet parking. If interested, contact Ken Eidson @ 913-558-6168.



**SAVE THE DATE! – May 21, 2017 – Run for Little Hearts –** Here is a request from **Kyle and Lexie Douglas of Beautiful Outdoors**. Please consider joining their team, Karson's Crusaders, to support their Super Hero and the local congenital heart defect awareness group. For event details and to register go to: [www.runforlittlehearts.com](http://www.runforlittlehearts.com)



How about taking a Prospectors Club Cruisin' Vacation!! Interested? Let Ann Wilkinson know you are and get on the list for a great package deal coming up later this year.

**Summer – T-Bones Game** – Family friendly event – date to follow.



**Reserve the Date:** October 6<sup>th</sup> – PBC Annual Golf Tournament at Deer Creek CC.

Having scanner issues, so no Thank You's listed this week.

## FRIDAY DONATION CLASS!

# ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY!



Jennifer and Carter will be climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro this summer! In addition to training, they are raising funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to bring awareness, and one step closer to a cure.

Please join Jennifer for a couple Friday evening yoga classes and donate to a wonderful cause:

**April 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:00pm**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00pm**

Mark Blanchard Progressive Power Yoga Studio

3665 West 95th Street,  
Overland Park, KS 66206  
Ranch Mart South Shopping Center

*If you can't make it to these classes, you can still donate by visiting the following site: <http://pages.teamintraining.org/vtnt/mtklmjr17/JSheltonzyu>*

Call Jennifer Shelton, 913-927-1113, if you have any questions