

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Last week was on the minds of most of us as we remembered the passing of *Mike Darby* which happened over a year ago. In his own way it seems Mike touched each of us in so many different levels, in so many different ways. Each of us has our "story" to tell. Some were closer than others.

After a year to reflect and reminisce, we as a Club had the arduous task of trying to find the best way to remember Mike's memory – what he was like and how he lived HIS life every day of his life.

There was a committee who was challenged to give the Board recommendations of how to keep his memory alive. It seemed most fitting. as explained by Kathleen Cussen, to use our biggest and most memorable event attended by the most members as the time to do this. And what an honor to have the Mike Darby Prospector of the Year Award now embody his memory which we will yearly for future present all generations of Prospectors to know who Mike Darby was and what he meant to this Club.

The qualifications and selection process will remain the same, but the meaning behind the award makes it so much more special.

One of the ways Mike lived his life was through his unending generosity. He would find the smallest bit of kindness in picking up trash to make walkways prettier, to donating his time and dollars, many times without recognition. He many times offered advise and support. After his passing, so many of you said you wanted to begin living your life like Mike Darby. So we introduce the hashtag, the saying we will try to emmulate – "#LiveLikeMike".

And this year the Phoenix Family Foundation rightfully honored Mike and two other worthy supporters who passed away this past year. **Robyn Stevens** introduced Mike to Phoenix Family and the rest was history.

Rick Wolverton, one of the committee members then told us how those outside the Club would be able to know more about Mike and his actions that spoke louder than words. We will, in the near future, be establishing a Legacy page on our website with a Legacy Award named in his memory, and making him it's inaugural award recipient.

And on this Legacy page, there will be a synopsis (if you could ever call it that) which one of his closest friends who brought Mike into the Club, tells the story and more of his life, wonderfully written by none other than **Dan Holk**. Thanks Dan for sharing so many wonderful things Mike did we may have missed.

With his love of bicycling, he and a few of his fellow riders started their own charity called **The Tour de Hope** compiling the best of many other rides they had taken in order to give those who participated one of the best and most memorable events that has continued to build over the past seven years. It will continue in good hands and will always acknowledge Mike's contribution.

We ended the presentation hearing from **Sheri Mortko** who told each of us to believe how Mike's memory is but a



Sheri then shared her recipe for us to keep forthright in every day we have left on this Earth:

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

#LiveLikeMike

Mike Darby, Mike Darby, Mike Darby



WE ARE AT DEER CREEK CC – 7300 W. 133RD ST., OPKS. MEET UP AT 7 AM; BREAKFAST AT 7:25; SPEAKER AT 8 AM.

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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 Sean Felton, our Membership Chairman a call at 816-258-3774 or email at DrSean.Felton@gmail.com before you visit our group so we can make sure there are no category conflicts with our current members. May 31 – Matt Paperi of Device Pitstop at Deer Creek CC.

June 7 – Darryl Hawkins – Innovative Design and Renovation at Deer Creek CC.

June 14 —Leigh Wagner of Leigh Wagner LLC at Deer Creek CC.

June 21 – Scott Swim of Legacy Mergers and Acquisitions at Deer Creek

June 28 – Tyler Webb DDS at Deer Creek CC.



With all the rememberance of Mike Darby, it left but 15 minutes for *Keith Steiniger of Proforma IDology* to tell us what is going on with his business. It was like a lightning round of Jeopardy, but he did with style and grace.

Keith served a lot of his professional career early on in the beginning years of telecommunications. He sold what then were most popular – pages, and progressed to cellular phones in bags, to large, clunky ones like carrying a gray box with an antenna around. In wireless, he worked for Cellular One and Verizon.

He switched to the aviation business earning his pilot's license, and truly loved it until 9/11 happened. After this, all bets were off. In 2003, he was able to obtain a franchise with Proforma, their first in KC. He began building it organically, and used networking to gradually grow his client base. Networking definitely played a major part of his business strategy.

In the next several years, he ended up purchasing 4 other businesses, some related, and some not. But all were taken seriously and worked hard to grow and integrate them.

What has been maintained is now Proforma IDology. Keith does everything from printing business cards and paper products, almost anything for your home or office. He has established himself as THE expert when it comes to use of promotional products to generate a memorable item for clients to remember your business. They do it with items from as little as 25 cents to over \$1000.

They can take you logo and place it on almost any kind of product. And he can embroider shirts, hats, virtually any kind of fabric item yhou can think of. He even can do vinyl banners and all kinds of signage – from magnetic to vinyl to a full car or truck wrap. WOW!

Keith says his ultimate goal is to deliver whatever his clients want when they want it. And after being a Prospector for 33 years, he stand ready to execute what needs to be done.

He then proceeded to draw for some of his most popular promotional items such as coozies, pens, note pads, logo socks, very hot Yeti products, including a new holder which a beer can just happens to fit in, and the coolest, a reversible umbrella that opens from the bottom so when it's closed, the water does not go all over you or your car.

Thanks Keith for our quick update, your kind gifts, and for all you continue to do to support Prospectors and the many causes you too take part in.

Trivia Question:-

<u>What's 50 feet high, 26 feet wide, and</u> <u>1,500 miles long ? Tricky.....</u>



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving. Albert Einstein

<u>The writer who won a Pulitzer prize</u> for his play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" was Tennessee Williams.



SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Party – December 8, 2018 at the Brass on Baltimore downtown.

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



From Erin Brown - Dolce Bakery -

Hi Prospectors,

Dolce Bakery is looking to add enthusiastic people to our growing Team! We have another position open!

The **Cake and Sugar Cookie Decorator** is a kitchen position with part time or full time hours available.

Our decorators create beautiful, delicious products to fill our pastry case and complete special orders, including weddings.

Join our committed team of passionate people that strive to give our customers the best product and experience possible. Applicants should be organized and excited to create desserts with detail and care. Pastry decorating experience is preferred, but we will also consider applicants with artistic experience or abilities! You will need a willingness to work Saturdays and around holidays to meet business needs.

To apply, please go to <u>http://www.dolcebakes.com/joinourteam</u>/ and submit the application form.

If you have any causes you are supporting this spring, please pass them along to the newsletter editor.



Another GREAT Event in May / June coming up:-Zip Lining in Swope Park!!!! Times and Dates to follow – Watch for it!!!

SAVE THE DATE: Friday October 12th – The Prospectors Club Annual Golf Tournament at Deer Creek CC. Shotgun start at 11:30am; Members who play are paid for; Guests are welcome at \$55 for golf / cart / beverages. Everyone else is welcome to attend the After Hours starting at 5pm at Coach's – location to be announced later. Questions, contact Rod Foster.

Prospector's Breakfast Club MAY 24, 2018 Attendance and Thank You's Meeting Date:-PLEASE PLACE "X" IN FRONT OF NAME IF ATTENDING MEETING Adams, Linda LAS Amzer EUEL Airey, Douglas Alexander, Jay Ashurst, Chase & Amy Keith S, Rike W, Doug A, ChripP. JearF. Kennur. Dens. Alan MAAP B Alach ain Beckner, Pat 1 lobeligh ser Bell, Jim C Kahlen Belzer, Dan Kerth as 4 smal uduarta rad Trapidson, Tax 1 Sheri Matko 'are Hessner SIRNA, DAYAL, BROSSEIT, STRIMIGER Boehringer, Kevin Drucy AS Bovard, Zach Dhar DEL Brosseit, Mike Brown, Erin Kathlen, Sherij Buankapa Mikedarby, Coaches, Matt nar Alang, Alan H, leigh Wagner Cocherl, Stephanie Cunningham, Rick Cussen, Kathleen T Kich T en Dayal, Vivek Douglas, Kyle Girla A, Jim Bell, Em &, Matt P, Matt P; Neal S Eckinger, Bill Eidson, Ken Emerson, Bill Felton, Dr. Sean

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