



Transforming the Inner City Troost Corridor One Life at a Time.

For an hour and a half, you get a small tug at your heart. No, not really, more like a big fist going through your chest. We all needed to take a minute, stop thinking about ourselves, and focus on the world around us. And you don't have to go far to realize what's truly happening – last week no further than 31st and Troost. Once the epicenter of a young and growing city, today it yields itself to being majority African Americans, lower income, single parent families. Within a mile radius is rampant crime. Somehow many turn their backs to the problems that exist thinking they will take care of themselves or just go away. That won't happen soon.

There is someone who does care. Someone who sees the good in everyone, and has the will and strength to help make a difference. It is **Cliff O'Bryan of Reconciliation Services** who is helping guide those in need to a better, more rewarding life, one person at a time.

I'll admit that some of us were reluctant to make a visit to the inner city, for whatever reasons. But making the trek to RS to dine at Thelma's Kitchen was an experience you would not soon forget. Cliff and the staff at RS opened their doors and their hearts to share what they are doing there every day.

Cliff started volunteering there several years ago, and when he retired from his insurance career, decided to devote himself to making Reconciliation Services an even better place for all. Those they serve are mostly African American, the majority female. More than half have been victims of violent crimes, witness violence regularly, and do not have major grocery stores available unless they get on the bus or drive several miles away.

Almost all living there are below the poverty line, suffer from a lack of good education, are unemployed or underemployed, are homeless or live in social isolation. But there is hope.

Cliff has been instrumental in getting Photo Identification for those which do not have a

Photo ID. You think that is no big deal, but it is. Without it, you are NOBODY – literally! Without it, you can't get a job, get medical assistance at a local hospital, can't cash a check or get a job. Take a second and think about all this!!

For those so inclined, you could come and volunteer at RS through a program they established through HUD. It allows let's say senior citizens to get out of their homes, and help mostly the kids, but also some adults too. And they get a stipend for their spending time with them from the government.

And then there's Thelma's Kitchen. Since its establishment, Reconciliation Services has had as a goal to help cultivate a community in the inner city, transforming Troost from a dividing line to a gathering place. Thelma's Kitchen has served as that gathering place. It is based on not discriminating on any level those which it serves. You will find healthy, sustainable local foods which are served being open to the surrounding community. You pay what you can, or trade work for food – they are always needing people to help make a difference. Here you can come, mingle, and get to know each other and share a meal at a community table. The one overall theme Cliff stressed is how with every person they deal with at RS, he and the entire staff go out of their way to treat everyone as if they are the children of God.

And the needs still exist – offering trauma and depression therapy, mentoring over 300 kids, help getting medical and dental assistance and supplies. And still serving the tired and hungry to the tune of over 35,000 meals a year. So if you find the need to help in some way, maybe you need to speak to Cliff and see how you can volunteer, or if you are too busy, they could always accept a monetary donation to further the cause. Anything you could do is surely welcome. Every little bit helps!!

Cliff – thank You for bringing light to a cause none of us would have been aware of had it



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not been for you, and God Bless you for all you do for RS and those whom you serve every day.



NO THURSDAY MEETING THIS WEEK - FRIDAY, OCT. 12 - ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY AT DEER CREEK.

SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

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ALL THANK YOU'S

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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.

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Oct. 11 – NO MEETING – GOLF TOMORROW

Oct. 12 – Annual Golf Tournament at Deer Creek – Shotgun start – 11:00 am. Arrive at Deer Creek by 10:30 am. After Hours at Coach's Bar & Grill – all members are invited. Light Hors d'oeuvres and a Cash Bar – 5pm.

Oct. 18 – Brad Twigg of Plaza Animal Clinic at Deer Creek CC.

Oct. 25 – Jim Bell of James D. Bell CPA at Deer Creek CC.

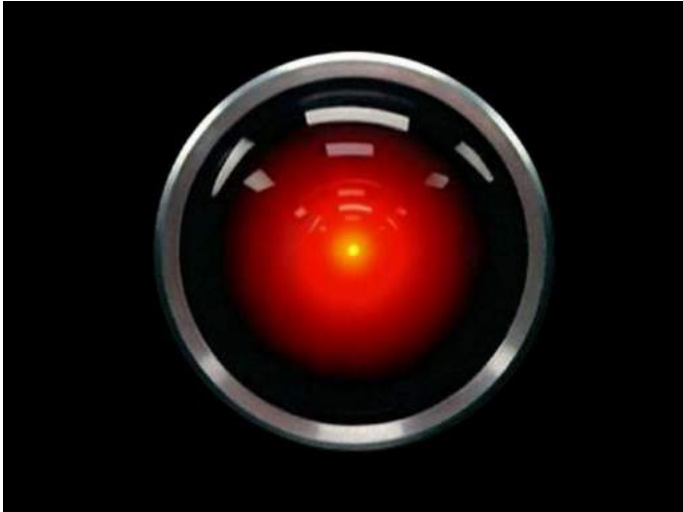
Nov. 1 – Phil Giordano – Grade A Tree Care at Deer Creek CC.



Enjoying breakfast in Thelma's Kitchen at Reconciliation Services at 31st and Troost last Thursday. Cliff O'Bryan enlightened all those in attendance on who RS serves and all the great things they are doing for those less fortunate than us. Thanks Cliff for a great morning.

Trivia Question:-

What film featured the line -
“Open the pod bay door, Hal”?



QUOTES OF THE WEEK



It's the circle of life, and it moves us all, through
despair and hope, through faith and love, 'till we
find our place, on the path unwinding.

(Elton John)



**The Indian tribe that defeated General Custer at
the Battle of Little Big Horn was the Sioux Indians.**

PROSPECTORS EVENTS SOCIAL CALENDAR 2018 – SAVE THE DATES

<p>Thursday, Oct. 11th – NO MEETING THIS THURSDAY</p> <p>Friday, October 12th –Cool weather can mean only one thing - It's our Prospectors Annual Best Ball Golf Tournament held again this year at Deer Creek Golf Club. Save the date to be your date for golf! Tee off is about 11:30 am and an After Hours starts at 5pm at Coach's South, 135th and Grandview.</p>	<p>October 20 – Come do the Go Ape Zip Line at Swope Park We are getting a list of who's daring enough to go on the zip line through the beautiful trees at Swope Park. Come join other Prospectors and share the adventure. Cost is \$58 per person.</p>
<p>Saturday, December 8th – Better mark your calendars!! It's our Annual Prospectors Club Christmas Party!</p> <p>Same location as last year – Brass on Baltimore, 1228 Baltimore Ave., KCMO</p> <p>6pm – 9:30pm – Open Bar; 9:30pm to 11pm – Cash Bar; Dinner at 7:30pm; 9:15pm – Program. A great venue to come celebrate the Holidays with your Prospectors Family, so please plan on attending this joyous event. More details to follow.</p>	<p>December 20th – Special Breakfast at Deer Creek – our Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. You will need to bring a gift to get a gift. Three exchanges and it's yours! And we will have a special breakfast menu planned so don't miss our last meeting of 2018!!!</p>

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

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

GOLF: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

If raining Friday morning, check your emails and Inside PBC on FB

- We are set to go and shotgun start at 11:00 so be to the course (Deer Creek) at the latest by 10:30 am.
- \$10 per player for two mulligans, one per nine (please bring your money \$\$\$\$ **CASH !**)
- **Bogey is your friend so if you miss the par putt pick up and put down a bogey!**
- We will be watching the weather and hopefully this will go on as planned! **Check your email / Facebook**
- ***If someone needs to pull out or only wants to play 9 holes to attend visitation, that is fine, they just need let me know beforehand before I pay that morning for the golf, please.***
- After Hours at Coach's Bar & Grill immediately following golf starting approximately at 5:00 pm.

If you sponsored a hole, please take your prize by Keith's office (8218 Nieman Rd, Lenexa, KS 66214, Rod's house (14206 Bradshaw, OPKS 66221), or bring to Coach's Bar & Grill get together immediately following the golf tournament!

Here are the Hole Sponsors- THANK YOU!!

Jay Alexander
Kathleen Cussen /Erin Brown – Keith picking up
Kevin Full
Alan Goodheart
Das HardIn – Have certificate
Alan Heriford
Dan Holk – Have certificate
Ed Hutchison – Have \$
Mike Kopplin
Bert Oettmeier
Rich Sirna
Neil Spencer
Keith Steiniger – has prize
Janet Stone
Janine Terstriep
Brad Twigg
Rick Wolverton

Cart sponsors – No need to bring money as this will be added to your next Prospector's bill

CART SPONSORS – THANK YOU!!

Linda Adams
Pat Beckner
Kevin Boehringer
Zach Bovard
Stephanie Cocherl
Phil Giordano
Alan Heriford
Matt Phar
Chris Pickering
Bryan Rapp
Bill Sirna
Kevin York

I look forward to seeing everyone Friday morning!

Prospectors Golf Tournament 2018 Team Pairings

11:00am shotgun start (please be at course by 10:30 at latest)

\$10 per person for 2 mulligans, one per 9

Rod F	Mike B
Scott	Jay A
Brownie S	Zach B
Rich S	Dave F

Rick C	Neil S
Jan	John
Phil G	Greg O
Rick W	Pat B

Kevin F	Keith S
Bill S	Jim
Doug A	Alan H
Jim B	Chris

Tyler W
Spencer
Alan G
Bryan R

Chad T
Cody
Brad T
Jason

Kevin Y
Chip
Chris P
Mike K

Prospector's Breakfast Club

Attendance and Thank You's Meeting Date:- Oct 4, 2018

PLEASE PLACE "X" IN FRONT OF NAME IF ATTENDING MEETING

Adams, Linda Sean, Robyn, Rod, Ed, Kathleen, Sheri
Greg, Alan G, Kimber, Kyle, Cliff, Jane
Airey, Douglas

Alexander, Jay

Ashurst, Chase & Amy

Beckner, Pat

Bell, Jim

Belzer, Dan

Boehringer, Kevin

Bovard, Zach

Brosseit, Mike

Brown, Erin

Cocherl, Stephanie Phil Siria, Alan H, Bryan Papp, Janine, Amber Sewell
Phil G, Rod Foster, Greg, Neil Spencer, Cliff
Cunningham, Rick

Cussen, Kathleen Phil, Rick, Rick, Keith, Eric, Sheri, Alan G
Linda, Sean Matt Phoe - Board - Volleyballers
Dayal, Vivek

Douglas, Kyle

Eckinger, Bill

Eidson, Ken

Emerson, Bill

Felton, Dr. Sean Cliff O'Bryan, Kathleen, Keith, Bryan Papp, Linda H,
Coni Seng, Alan Verford, Felici, Darryl, Rick Siria, Ashurst

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Flessner, Dave

Foster, Rod *Stephanie C, Linda A, Danny B, Keith S, Rick W, Kyle D, Brownie S, Alan G, Tyler W, Rich S*

Full, Kevin

Giordano, Nick

Giordano, Phil *Dan H, Rich, Rick, Kathleen, Sherri, Alan H, Keith S*

Goodheart, Alan *Paperi, HUTCHISON, O'BRYAN, OPPOLD, STEINIGER*

Goodheart, Bruce

Hardin, Das

Hawkins, Darryl

Heriford, Alan

Holk, Dan

Holland, Ed

Hutchison, Ed *Cliff, Cath, Rick, Alan G*

Kopplin, Mike

Mortko, Sheri

O'Bryan, Cliff

Oettmeier, Dr. Bert

Oppold, Greg *Brownie, Alan G, Keith, Cliff, Rick, Robyn, Ann, Rick, Linda*

Paperi, Matt

Phar, Matt *Alan A, Bryan R, Chris/Margot, Cliff, Dan B, Das, Penny F, Sue/Kathleen, Tim B, Keith, Kora Y, Kyle D, Neil, Rich, Jack*

Pickering, Chris

Pickering, Margot

PLEASE PLACE "X" IN FRONT OF NAME IF ATTENDING MEETING

Rapp, Bryan _____

Runyan, Joe _____

Sewell, Amber _____

Shelton, Jennifer Sirna, Felton, Wilkinson

Simpson, Brownie _____

Sirna, Richard Everyone!

Spencer, Neil Kyle Douglas, Sean Felton, Dave Persson, Phil (Scottland),
Matt Pappas, Matt Phair, Margot Pickering, Volleyballers

Steiniger, Keith _____

Stevens, Robyn Linda, Rich, Keith, Sheryl, Dan H. Sean

Stone, Janet _____

Swim, Scott _____

Terstriep, Janine _____

Trondson, Chad _____

Twigg, Brad _____

Wagner, Leigh _____

Webb, Tyler _____

Wilkinson, Ann _____

Wolverton, Rick KEITH RICH SIRNA ROBYN KATHLEEN DOD JANINE PHAIR

York, Kevin _____

GUESTS

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