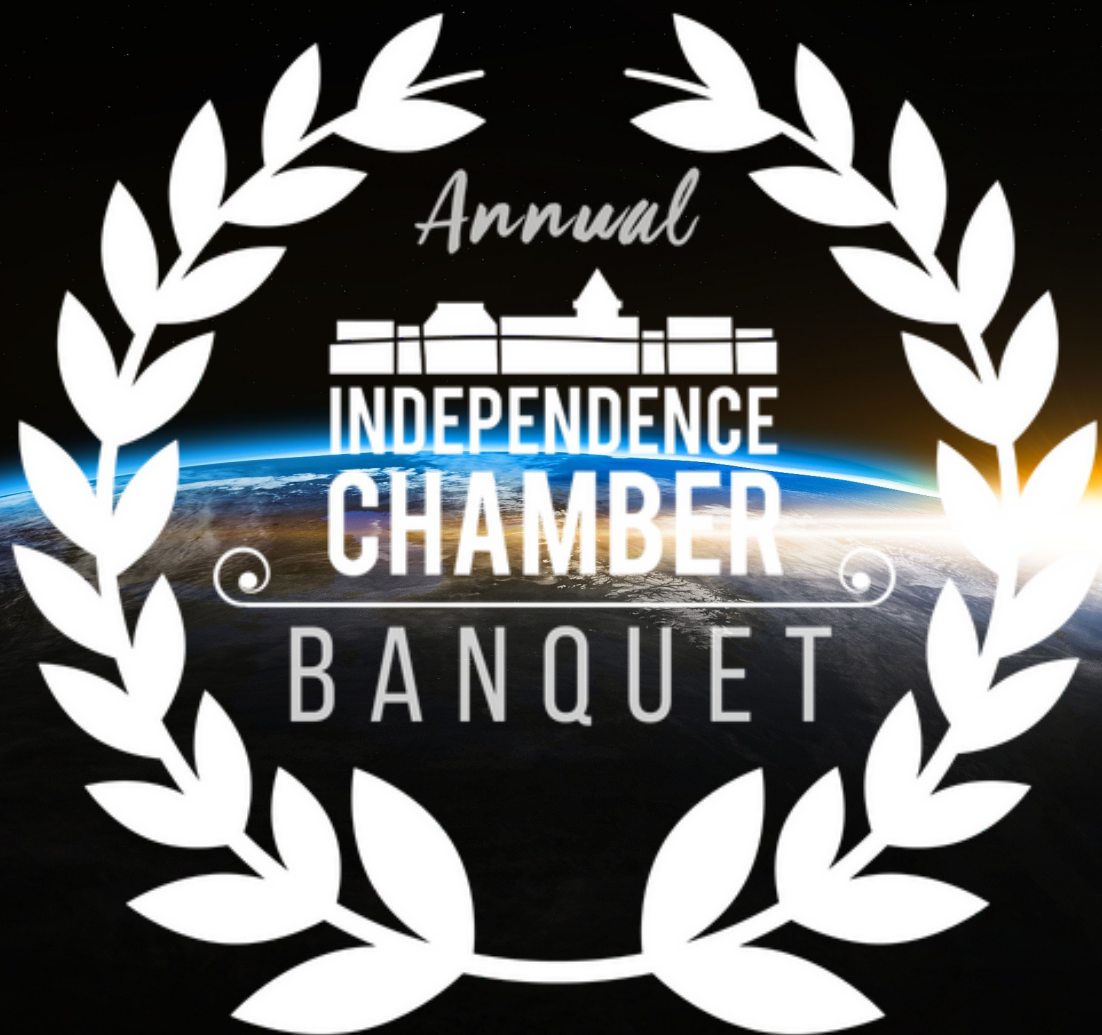


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Quarterly Newsletter



Welcome 2019!

**January/February/March
2019**

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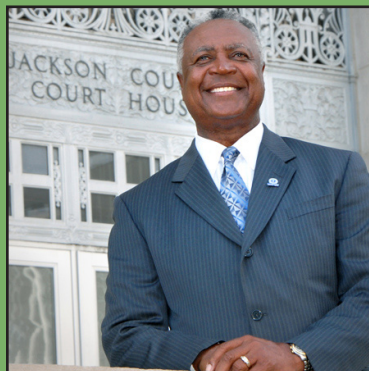


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February Luncheon

State of County & State of City Address



Frank White Jr.
County Executive
Jackson County, Missouri



Zach Walker
City Manager
City of Independence

Hear both Jackson County Executive, Frank White Jr. and City Manager, Zach Walker present the State of the County & State of the City Address, honoring the accomplishments that have been achieved.

When:

Wednesday
February 20, 2019
11:30am - 1:00pm

Where:

Adam's Mark Hotel
9103 E. 39th Street
Kansas City, MO 64133

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SATURDAY JANUARY 19TH, 2019 HILTON GARDEN INN

Presented by: **NORTHROP GRUMMAN**

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Guest Speaker

Astronaut **KENT ROMINGER**

Kent Rominger is the vice president of Strategic Programs with responsibility for the Navy's Fleet Ballistic Missile Program, the Air Force's Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent pursuit and Minuteman III Sustainment (FISAC PSSC) for Northrop Grumman.

Prior to his current role, Kent served as vice president of Strategy and Business Development for Northrop Grumman's Propulsion Systems Division. In this capacity, he was responsible for supporting commercial, defense and civil space customers with innovative and affordable propulsion solutions. Kent also served as vice president of Propulsion Systems Division's Test and Research Operations, where his responsibilities included the overall testing of rocket motors, warheads and components and support for research and development operations. He joined Northrop Grumman in October 2006 as vice president, Advanced Programs, following distinguished careers with NASA and the U.S. Navy.

Rominger was selected as a NASA astronaut in 1992. A veteran of five space shuttle flights, including two as the mission commander, he has logged over 1,600 hours and traveled almost 27 million miles in space. He culminated his NASA career as the chief of the Astronaut Office.

Rominger was commissioned as a naval officer in 1979. During his 26-year career, he served as an F-14 Tomcat pilot with fighter squadrons VF-2 and VF-211 and as a Navy test pilot. While with VF-211, he completed a deployment to the Arabian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm. Rominger is a graduate of the Navy Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) and the Naval Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, Maryland. He has logged more than 7,000 flying hours in 35 different types of aircraft and has completed 685 carrier landings.

A native of Del Norte, Colorado, Rominger received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Colorado State University and a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.



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Calendar of Events

JANUARY 7

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

JANUARY 8

AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

JANUARY 9

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

JANUARY 10

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING FOR BUSINESSES
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Independence Police Dept.
223 N. Memorial Drive



The Independence Police Department is offering Active Shooter Training for Businesses. *Lunch provided*

Topics that will be covered:

- Workplace Violence statistics, possible violence triggers
- Active Shooter incident discussion: Columbine, Sandy Hook, Virginia Tech, Inland Regional Center
- Response to Active Shooter including Run Hide Fight model
- Methods to barricade/secure rooms, evacuation policy considerations

JANUARY 18

EGGS & ISSUES
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Ennovation Center
201 N. Forest Avenue



This event provides a forum for our members in the business community to interact with legislators representing Independence in the 2019 General Session. It's a chance to hear committee assignments and the goals planned by our elected officials. There will be an opportunity for questions by our members in attendance. Full buffet breakfast: \$15

Please kindly register by January 16th!

JANUARY 18

MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

JANUARY 19

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Hilton Garden Inn
19677 E. Jackson Dr.



You're invited to attend our annual Chamber Banquet! This year's guest speaker is Astronaut, Kent Rominger, a decorated Navy TOPGUN fighter pilot and member of the Astronaut Hall Of Fame.

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JANUARY 22

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Location: TBD

JANUARY 23

RIBBON CUTTING
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Jobs Plus
810 East Walnut

Help us welcome the new Jobs Plus program to Independence during their ribbon cutting event.

JANUARY 23

CHAIRMAN'S BOOK CLUB
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W Truman Rd.

January book: The 5 Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace by Gary Chapman and Paul White

JANUARY 23

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Columbia College
4240 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Suite 400



Members, please join us for Business Before Hours at Columbia College this month! This is a FREE networking opportunity for members to mingle and network before starting the work day. Coffee/juice and a continental breakfast is provided.

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JANUARY 31

YIPs NETWALKING
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Independence Center
18801 E. 39th Street S



Join the Young Independence Professionals for a **NEW** "Netwalking" event! It's networking with a twist. Show Up. Netwalk. Win Prizes.

FEBRUARY 4

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

FEBRUARY 6

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

FEBRUARY 12

AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

FEBRUARY 13

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
8:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

FEBRUARY 15

MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE MEETING
8:00 AM - 9:15 AM
Location: TBD

FEBRUARY 19

**YIPs LUNCH & LEARN:
HEALTH & WELLNESS**
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

We hope you can make it to our lunch & learn educational seminar where we will learn from the experts from Terra Health & Wellness on topics such as eating healthy on a budget, effects that eating healthy has on your body, and more!

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FEBRUARY 20

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11:15 AM - 1:00 PM
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FEBRUARY 21

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Nativity Of Mary School
10021 E. 36th Terr



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FEBRUARY 26

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Location: TBD

FEBRUARY 27

CHAIRMAN'S BOOK CLUB
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W Truman Road

MARCH 4

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Chamber of Commerce
210 W. Truman Road

MARCH 8

**FIRST RESPONDERS RECOGNITION
BREAKFAST**
7:30 AM - 9:00AM
Location: TBD

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protect our city every day.



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MARCH 12

AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Chamber of Commerce
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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MARCH 20

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
18011 Bass Pro Drive

Join us for the Monthly
Membership Luncheon
where we will hear re-
marks from Kay Barnes.



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MARCH 20

GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Cedarhurst Senior Living
20551 E. Trinity Place



MARCH 26

IN BIZ RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Location: TBD

MARCH 27

CHAIRMAN'S BOOK CLUB
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chamber of Commerce
210 W Truman Rd.

MARCH 28

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Waddell & Reed Financial
Advisors
4200 Little Blue
Parkway, Suite 400



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October 3, 2018

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Independence, MO 64055



October 8, 2018

BlendWell Community Cafe
10725 US-24,
Independence, MO 64054



October 15, 2018

Redwood of Carmel Hills
810 East Walnut
Independence, MO 64050



October 20, 2018

Independence Arts & Technology
315 N. Main Street
Independence, MO 64050



November 28, 2018

Lion's Choice
4045 Little Blue Pkwy
Independence, MO 64057



November 29, 2018

**Speaks Chapels
18020 E 39th St
Independence, MO 64055**



December 11, 2018

**Jack in the Box
14000 E 42nd St S
Independence, MO 64055**



December 14, 2018

**Boost Mobile
1528A E. 23rd Street South
Independence, MO 64055**



Healthy Eating Tips:

- Eat a whole food, unprocessed, mostly plant based diet for optimal nutrition.
- Buy in bulk when possible to go green and reduce less.
- Be selective with supplements, they should only be used to fill in the gaps of an already balanced diet.
- Choose organic produce as much as possible to reduce your exposure to pesticides, herbicides, and gmo's that contribute to leaky gut and autoimmune conditions that affect your health long-term.





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Full buffet breakfast: \$15

Registration required and available online:

<https://independencemo.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/8343>

For questions or additional information, please contact the Chamber at (816) 252-4745 or email Sarah Beth Wood at sarahbeth@ichamber.biz.

Current Elected Officials in Independence:
Robert Sauls, House of Representatives, 21st District, Ingrid Burnett, House of Representatives, 19th District, Brandon Ellington, House of Representatives, 22nd District, Bill E. Kidd, House of Representatives, 20th District, Jeanie Lauer, House of Representatives, 32nd District, John Rizzo, Senate, 11th District, Rory Rowland, House of Representatives, 29th District

LEGISLATIVE **BRIEFING**

FEBRUARY

Friday | February 15, 2019
8:00 AM - 9:15 AM
Chamber of Commerce

MARCH

Friday | March 15, 2019
8:00 AM - 9:15 AM
Chamber of Commerce

Our monthly legislative meetings give you an opportunity to ask legislators directly about issues you are concerned about. The briefing is open to all Chamber members free of charge.

Please register so that we may plan accordingly: <https://independencemo.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/8345>

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**TO REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS
AND MORE!**

LEAD INDEPENDENCE

The LEAD 2018-2019 Class is off to a great start! Over the past 3 months, they've gained invaluable insight on topics such as health & wellness, education, and about the rich history of Independence. In December, the LEAD Alumni gathered at Carrabba's Italian Grill for a holiday luncheon where the current LEAD class was introduced. Many fantastic door prizes from our members were given away during the luncheon!



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
LEAD
INDEPENDENCE



Developed by the Independence Chamber of Commerce, L.E.A.D. Independence aims to provide a network of informed leaders with a commitment to the continued growth and development of our City. L.E.A.D. Independence provides a road map for successful community involvement through interaction with key community leaders and the issues that make Independence distinctive.

Picture Perfect!







INDEPENDENCE PROFESSIONALS

Lunch & Learn Educational Seminar: **Health & Wellness**

February 19, 2019 | 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM

Hear from the experts of Terra Health & Wellness as they provide valuable information on topics such as eating healthy on a budget, effects that eating healthy has on your body, and more! Lunch is provided.

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED: <http://business.ichamber.biz/events/details/yips-lunch-learn-educational-seminar-health-wellness-9015>

NEW EVENT!



YIPs *Netwalking*

NETWORKING WITH A TWIST!

Join the Young Independence Professionals for the **NEW** Netwalking event! It's networking with a twist.
Show Up. Pair up with a partner. Netwalk. Win Prizes.

SIGN UP BY VISITING THE CHAMBER WEBSITE:
<http://independencemo.chambermaster.com/events/details/yips-netwalking-8747>

QUESTIONS?

Contact Kelsey or Sarah Beth

Kelsey - kelsey@ichamber.biz
816.875.9269

Sarah Beth - sarahbeth@ichamber.biz
816.875.9328

January 31, 2019
5:00 – 6:30 pm

INDEPENDENCE
— CENTER —

March Luncheon

Guest Speaker



2018 Kansas Citian of the Year **Kay Barnes**

Make plans to join us for the Monthly Membership Lunch in March as we will hear remarks from Kay Barnes former Kansas City Mayor and 2018 Kansas Citian of the Year.

When:

Wednesday
March 20, 2019
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Where:

Stoney Creek Hotel
& Conference Center
18011 Bass Pro Dr.

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Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating the membership anniversaries of longstanding Chamber supporters.

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Slim Chickens- Liberty
Sunterra Springs Independence
TSM Event Services LLC
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PeacePathways
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National Association of Parliamentarians
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RDS Equipment, Inc.
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As a member of the 110% Club, participating business will receive recognition on the Chamber's website, social media pages, in the Chamber's newsletter, and at Chamber events throughout the year. QUESTIONS? Contact Kris Zerr - kris@ichamber.biz or (816) 783-0313.





Leadership

Quote of the Quarter

"Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential."

~ John C. Maxwell ~



New Chamber Members

October - December 2018

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Jack in the Box
St. Michael the Archangel
North American Thrombosis Forum
MUSTANG PLUS
Lighthouse Legal, LLC
A.G. Spanos Companies
Smoothie King
HEMPWORX CBD
Kim Connects KC Home Team
Lip Sense by SeneGence with Angie Judy @ Pucker Up
MVP Awards and Engraving
Synago LLC
Luckducks
Target Marketing

Save the Date!

March 8, 2019

