

# Business Perspective

August 2018

## Vote in the primary on August 7!

### Your Vote Matters.

Be an Informed Voter!

[VoteJoCo.com](http://VoteJoCo.com) is your voter resource for candidate information.

- Candidate surveys
- Candidate forum videos
- Sample ballots & polling place locations

[www.VoteJoCo.com](http://www.VoteJoCo.com)



## Cowan receives national sales award

Congratulations to Stacey Cowan, Overland Park Chamber Membership Director, on receiving a Bronze Lifetime Sales Achievement Award at the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives annual convention last month. A Bronze award represents 500 transactions or \$175,000 in sales, which Stacey achieved during 3 1/2 years at the Chamber. She was one of only seven sales professionals from across the country to receive a Bronze award.



## 2018 GOLF TOURNAMENT

**August 20**

Nicklaus Golf Club at Lionsgate

Event Sponsor:



### Thanks to our Tournament Sponsors:

Beverage Carts:



Awards Reception:



Lunch:



Golf Ball:



Soft Drinks:



Par:



Signage:



Overland Park

## Our Mission:

To enhance the business environment and quality of life in our community.



## Chamber Calendar

### Wednesday Wake-up

2018 Series Sponsor: [Baker University](#)

Wednesday, August 8 - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Title Boxing Club 119th, 7812 West 119th Street

Free and open to Chamber members only

### Community Blood Drive

Hosted by Overland Park Young Professionals and the

[Community Blood Center of Greater Kansas City](#)

Thursday, August 9 - 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

### Public Policy & Advocacy Committee

Discussing our 2019 Federal Legislative Agenda

Friday, August 10 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

### Chamber Golf Tournament

Presented by [Shawnee Mission Health Overland Park](#)

Monday, August 20 - Shotgun start at 12:00 p.m.

Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate,

14225 Dearborn Street

Promote your company as a sponsor or donate door prizes and good bag items.

### Executive Leadership Series

2018 Series Sponsor: [First National Bank](#)

Featuring Michael Rea, Rx Saving Solutions

Friday, August 24 - 7:30-9:00 a.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City-Overland Park, 10100 College Boulevard

### Working Lunch

2018 Series Sponsor: [Grantham University](#)

Thursday, August 30 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Barley's Kitchen + Tap, 11924 West 119th Street

Chamber members only

To register for these events, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600.

### Upcoming ribbon cuttings

Wednesday, August 8 - 5:00 p.m.

[Shack Breakfast & Lunch](#), 7940 West 135th Street

Thursday, August 9 - 4:45 p.m.

[Monarch Montessori School](#), 7600 West 75th Street

Thursday, August 16 - 4:30 p.m.

[Hampton Inn & Suites](#), 7521 West 135th Street

Tuesday, August 21 - 4:30 p.m.

[SERC Physical Therapy](#), 7211 West 110th Street

Thursday, August 23 - 4:30 p.m.

[Mastin Discount Liquor](#), 10321 Mastin Street

## Chamber Board and Staff

### BOARD OFFICERS:

Brett Bogan, *Chairman*  
**Spencer Fane LLP**  
Mike Hess, *Chair-Elect*  
**HNTB Corporation**  
Stacie Gram, *1st Vice Chairman*  
**Swiss Re America Holding Corporation**  
Charles Laird, *2nd Vice Chairman*  
**Menorah Medical Center**  
Doug Lynn, *Secretary*  
**Sprint**  
Chris Wally, *Treasurer*  
**CBRE Kansas City**  
Michael Tracy, *Past Chairman*  
**OMNI Human Resource Management**

### BOARD MEMBERS:

Marshaun Butler, **Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas**  
Faruk Capan, **Intouch Solutions**  
Diana Chaloux-LaCerte, **Hitch Fit Gym**  
Greg Crowley, **Crowley Furniture**  
Jim Edwards, **Nothing Bundt Cakes**  
Bill Ferguson, **Central Bank of the Midwest**  
Dr. Michael Fulton, **Shawnee Mission School District**  
Brenner Holland, **Hunt Midwest**  
Craig Jeffries, **Empower Retirement**  
Jodde Lanning, **Payne & Jones, Chartered**  
Earl Major  
Don Pearce, **Pearce Construction Company**  
Karsten Randolph, **Shawnee Mission Health**  
Bob Regnier, **Bank of Blue Valley**  
Stephen Rhorer, **SPX Cooling Technologies**  
Tony Rupp, **Foulston Siefkin LLP**  
Mark Thomas, **Copaken Brooks**  
Steve Troester, **PGAV Architects, Inc.**  
Mark Williams, **Garver**

### EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS:

Bruce Boettcher, **Sheraton Overland Park Hotel**  
[Visit Overland Park board representative]  
Dr. David Cook, **The University of Kansas Edwards Campus**  
Bill Ebel, **City of Overland Park**  
Mayor Carl Gerlach, **City of Overland Park**  
Dana Markel, **Visit Overland Park**  
Bobby Olm-Shipman, **St. Luke's South Hospital**  
[2018 Chairman of Overland Park Chamber Economic Development Council]  
Tracey Osborne Oltjen, CCE, Overland Park Chamber  
Greg Wolf, **Dentons**

### CHAMBER STAFF:

Tracey Osborne Oltjen, CCE, *President & CEO*  
Stacey Cowan, *Membership Director*  
Frank Ebling, *Controller*  
Celia Fritz-Watson, *Director of Events & Member Services*  
Tim Holverson, IOM, *Recruitment & Retention Director, Economic Development*  
Chris Jackson, *EDC Policy & Communications Coordinator*  
Beth Johnson, CECd, *Senior Vice President of Economic Development*  
Stan Lawson, *Communications Director*  
Erin Murray, *Assistant to the President*  
Tom Robinett, *Vice President of Public Policy & Advocacy*  
Amy Stock, *Member Services Coordinator*

## What companies want

Several months ago, the Kansas City Area Development Council, our partners in regional economic development, held its quarterly breakfast meeting in Overland Park. There were a lot of moving parts to this meeting, including an update on Evergy (the merger of Great Plains and Westar Energy, the latest on the proposed Sprint/T-Mobile merger, as well as several exciting company announcements.

Those who know me well know I love lists, and this meeting yielded an important one. It's not new, but bears repeating. One of the featured speakers was site selection consultant Jim Colson, CEO of Advisors Community. Jim shared with the group the top three criteria for site selection; in other words, what companies are looking for in a community: workforce, infrastructure and government stability.

Not surprising, any of these.

First is workforce. The quest for talent is a top priority for most every Chamber member or prospective business we talk with, and retention/recruitment of talent has become both an art and a science. Any economic development discussion begins with the question of whether our community can supply the needed talent the business requires both now and in the future. No other factor counts if we can't satisfy this first issue.

Second is infrastructure. This encompasses a lot of territory. It's utilities for power, water, and wastewater, as well as telecommunications connectivity. It's air, rail, local streets and thoroughfares, highways and bridges and ingress and egress that provide efficient and safe movement of people and goods. Companies want to know whether our community's network is sufficient for the needs of the company now, and for its growth? Does our community maintain its network well and also plan sufficiently for future growth? Finally, Jim spent most of his time on stability of government, calling it "critical." While acknowledging the list of criterion site selectors and company decision makers use is longer than these three, he noted the increased importance of community stability in expansion and location decisions. "The capacity of a community to demonstrate good leadership is crucial," he said. This is a key driver in creating a strong business climate and supporting local business growth. Business leaders are reluctant to plan for a future in a community whose leadership is inconsistent about what drives economic growth – strong education systems, well-maintained infrastructure, public safety, access to health care, and quality of life factors such as parks and recreation, arts and culture. Businesses desire predictability in process and regulation. This doesn't mean communities can't innovate, improve or change. It means that there are greater responsibilities to consider the impact to the community, respect processes and communicate intentions, while doing so as we build a quality of life and business climate that ensures success for all.

We impact these three criteria, with our vote this primary season. Vote early in person, or by mail, or vote the traditional way on August 7 at your polling place. Learn about the candidates in your area at the non-partisan [www.votejoco.com](http://www.votejoco.com), where you'll find candidate surveys, videos of candidate forums and voter info. Your informed vote makes a difference on what kind of community we'll be after this election cycle. Let's make sure we're the top of all the lists.



**Tracey Osborne Oltjen, CCE, IOM**  
President & CEO  
[@traceylosborne](https://twitter.com/traceylosborne)

*Business Perspective* is published monthly by the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce.

9001 West 110th Street, Suite 150, Overland Park, KS 66210

Phone: (913) 491-3600 • Fax: (913) 491-0393 • [opcc@opchamber.org](mailto:opcc@opchamber.org) • [www.opchamber.org](http://www.opchamber.org)



**Build your business network!**

## Wednesday Wake-up

**A Business Before Hours**

**Wednesday, August 8**

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Hosted by



7812 West 119th Street



Join us for networking and breakfast and learn more about [TITLE Boxing Club | 119th](#). With group fitness classes led by professionals, TITLE Boxing helps women and men of all fitness levels burn up to 1,000 calories per hour in explosive total body boxing and kickboxing fitness workouts.

Free and open to Chamber members only.

**To register, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600**

## Executive Leadership Series

**INSIGHTS FROM THE TOP**

Overland Park Chamber of Commerce

Join us for these programs featuring executive insight on business leadership.

Proudly sponsored by:



**First National Bank**

**Friday, August 24**

Breakfast program: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

**DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City-Overland Park**

10100 College Boulevard

featuring

**Dr. Michael Rea, Founder & CEO**

**Rx Savings Solutions**

Dr. Michael Rea founded [Rx Savings Solutions](#)

after routinely witnessing consumers struggle to pay for medications. He noticed quickly that consumers were paying much more than they needed to, which was attributable to a lack of available information. He set out to arm consumers with this information and add efficiency and transparency back in to the world of pharmacy through a patented software. Dr. Rea has been involved with research surrounding pharmacy transparency for more than 13 years. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Creighton University.



Members: \$30 per person or \$330 for a reserved table of 10  
Non-members: \$40 per person or \$440 for a reserved table of 10

**To register, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Chamber Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, December 5**

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Overland Park Convention Center**

6000 College Boulevard

Keynote Speaker:

**Tommy Spaulding**

*New York Times* bestselling author Tommy Spaulding is a leadership expert and nationally acclaimed speaker. He is the former CEO of a renowned global leadership organization and believes heart-led leadership can change the lives of everyone you lead and serve. Tommy's heartfelt message can transform your organization, build committed teams, earn lifelong customers and drive bottom line results in today's competitive global marketplace.



Event Sponsor:



**Sponsorships Available!**

[Click here](#) or contact Celia at [cfritzwatson@opchamber.org](mailto:cfritzwatson@opchamber.org)

**Maximize the time in your busy work day by combining lunch with the opportunity to cultivate new business relationships!**



**Thursday, August 30**

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Hosted by

Expand your network while enjoying a delicious upscale American comfort-food menu.



11924 West 119th Street

2018 Series Sponsor



**\$25 per person for Chamber members only.**

**To register, [click here](#).**

# NEW MEMBERS / REINVESTED MEMBERS



New Chamber members were recognized at last month's Wednesday Wake-up networking event. Membership Director Stacey Cowan and President Tracey Osborne Oltjen presented new members plaques to Regina Johnson, **Universal Film Festival**; Celsie Sneden, **NEAT Method**; James Hemenway, **Chicago Title**; Elizabeth & Behman Zakeri, **Bury the Hatchet**; Sharon Svetlak, **Contract Furnishings**; Debbie Walker, **Avenue 81**; Shannon Riordan, **The Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City**; David Pacer, **Infinitas Coordinated Wealth Counsel**; Courtney Stoddard, **Budget Blinds**; Josh Hill, **Beckner & Associates**; Caelee Lehman, **Rockhurst University**.

## Member Renewals

*We thank these companies for reinvesting in the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce in June 2018:*

### 50+ Years

Bear & Bear Associates  
Family Tree Nursery  
O'Neill Honda

Johnson County Sheriff's Office  
NBKC  
Terracon  
University of Saint Mary  
Visit Overland Park

### 40-50 Years

New York Life Insurance  
Company  
Overland Park Regional Medical  
Center  
St. Joseph Medical Center

### 5-9 Years

DexYP  
The Goddard School  
Highland Ridge Apartments  
Kansas Asphalt, Inc.  
Lifestyle Publications  
Overland Park Golf Club  
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers-South  
Overland Park  
The University of Kansas Hospital

### 20-39 Years

Blue Valley School District  
BNSF Railway Co.  
Drs. Hawks, Besler, Rogers, &  
Stoppel  
Fisher Patterson Sayler & Smith, L.L.P.  
Menorah Medical Center  
Olathe Public School District #233  
Price Chopper Queen's - 87th &  
Antioch  
Stinson Leonard Street  
Straub Construction Company, Inc.  
Valbridge Property Advisors |  
Kansas City  
Paul Henson Family YMCA

### 1-4 Years

Aldi, Inc. - 95th Street  
Aldi, Inc. - 135th Street  
Bassett Home Furnishings  
Dave & Buster's Overland Park  
Dewey's Pizza  
Diagnostic Imaging Centers, P.A.  
Foodsby  
The Freelance Exchange of Kansas  
City  
Kansas Policy Institute  
Maurices  
The Navigators  
Phoenix Home Care, Inc.  
Primrose School of Blue Valley  
World Class Unlimited, Inc.

### 10-19 Years

Batteries Plus Bulbs #282  
Costco Wholesale #369  
Emporia State University-Kansas City  
Hutchins & Haake, LLC

## Welcome new members!

*We are pleased to introduce these new Chamber members:*

### Budget Blinds of Overland Park

Courtney Stoddard, Vice  
President of Marketing  
239 Southeast Main Street  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063  
(913) 402-1600  
Cstoddard@budgetblinds.com  
[www.budgetblinds.com/  
overlandpark](http://www.budgetblinds.com/overlandpark)  
Window Blinds, Coverings & Shutters

### Contract Furnishings

Sharon Svetlak, Executive  
Assistant  
3129 Main Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
(816) 931-0900  
svetlaks@contractfurnishings.com  
[www.contractfurnishings.com](http://www.contractfurnishings.com)  
Office Furniture & Equipment

### Creative Planning - 2018 EDC Investor!

Christy Watson, Administrative  
Assistant  
5454 West 110th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66211  
(913) 815-6561  
christy.watson@creativeplanning.  
com  
[www.creativeplanning.com](http://www.creativeplanning.com)  
Wealth Management, Attorneys

### HighQ

Lesia Frick, Executive  
Administrator  
7311 West 132nd Street, Suite 320  
Overland Park, KS 66213  
(913) 303-3102  
lesia.frick@highq.com  
[www.HighQ.com](http://www.HighQ.com)  
Technology

### KCWE 29-TV

Haley Lopez, Account Executive  
6455 Winchester Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64133  
(816) 221-9999  
hsmith@hearst.com  
[www.kmbc.com/kcwetv](http://www.kmbc.com/kcwetv)  
Advertising, Media

### KMBC-TV

Nick Adams, Account Executive  
6455 Winchester Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64133  
(816) 221-9999  
nadams@hearst.com  
[www.kmbc.com](http://www.kmbc.com)  
Advertising, Media

### Phoenix Natural Wellness

Brian Pitts, Owner  
9627 West 87th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66006  
(913) 730-8520  
phoenixnaturalhealing@gmail.com  
[www.phoenixnaturalwellness.com](http://www.phoenixnaturalwellness.com)  
Alternative Health, Vitamins and  
Nutritional Supplements

### Phoenix South CBD Super Store

Susan Pitts, Owner  
7932 West 151st Street  
Overland Park, KS 66223  
(913) 257-5717  
phoenixnaturalhealing@gmail.com  
[www.phoenixnaturalwellness.com](http://www.phoenixnaturalwellness.com)  
Alternative Health, Retail

### Rockhurst University

Mike Theobald, Director of  
Career Services  
1100 Rockhurst Road  
Kansas City, MO 64110  
(816) 501-4861  
[www.rockhurst.edu](http://www.rockhurst.edu)  
Schools-Colleges & Universities

### Shack Breakfast and Lunch

Meghan Bueker, Marketing  
Manager  
7218 College Boulevard  
Overland Park, KS 66210  
(314) 488-0788  
m\_bueker@eatatshack.com  
[www.eatatshack.com](http://www.eatatshack.com)  
Restaurants, Event Space

### Shack Breakfast and Lunch

Meghan Bueker, Marketing  
Manager  
7940 West 135th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66223  
(913) 897-2755  
m\_bueker@eatatshack.com  
[www.eatatshack.com](http://www.eatatshack.com)  
Restaurants, Event Space

### War Horses for Veterans, Inc

Patricia Brown, Co-founder and  
Treasurer  
18208 Nall Avenue  
Stilwell, KS 66085  
(816) 516-6630  
pat@warhorsesforveterans.com  
[www.warhorsesforveterans.com](http://www.warhorsesforveterans.com)  
Non-Profit Organizations



## Chamber Foundation accepting 2019 LOP nominations

The Overland Park Chamber Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Leadership Overland Park (LOP) program, which will begin in January 2019.

LOP is a civic leadership program that focuses on information, education and discussion of local and regional assets, challenges and opportunities and provides opportunities to engage in organizations that resolve these issues.

Leadership Overland Park class members participate in 10 full-day sessions from January to June. Sessions focus on specific aspects of Overland Park such as city, county and state government, history, education, politics and current issues facing the city, county, metro area and state.

The deadline for nominations is noon on September 7, 2018. Download the nomination form at [www.opchamber.org](http://www.opchamber.org) - [click here](#) - or call (913) 491-3600.



City Council President Jim Kite, Chamber EDC Director of Recruitment & Retention Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats helped owners Behman & Elizabeth Zakeri celebrate the opening of **Bury the Hatchet KC**, 7105 West 105th Street. Bury the Hatchet offers two-hour sessions, safety instructions, one-on-one throwing practice, tournament rounds and team-building. For more information: (913) 218-0945 or [www.burythehatchet.com](http://www.burythehatchet.com).



City Council Member Fred Spears, Chamber Past Chairman Michael Tracy and Chamber Diplomats helped **Big Whiskey's**, 9100 West 135th Street, celebrate a ribbon cutting for their second Kansas City area location. Since 2006, Big Whiskey's has been known for great whiskey, tasty menu items, and the happiest happy hours. For more information: (913) 257-5439 or [www.bigwhiskeys.com](http://www.bigwhiskeys.com).

Click the advertisements below for more information

**MOON SHINE SOIREE ON THE FARM**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2018**  
7:00-11:00 p.m.

*Beer, Wine, BBQ & Country Music!*  
Put on your jeans and boots, leave the kids at home, and join us for a country party under the stars at the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead.

*Purchase tickets at [MoonShineOnTheFarm.com](http://MoonShineOnTheFarm.com)*

*Reach more consumers more often – for less.*

Strategically placed advertising brings brand recognition and sales to your business.

Advertise with Oak Park Mall. For a limited time Chamber members can buy two months and get the third month free.

Call (913) 888-7597 for more information and pricing.

*Oak Park*



# RECENT EVENTS

## Wednesday Wake-up

A Business Before Hours

hosted on July 11 by

Villa  
Medici



Abdullah Parker, **AdamsGabbert**; Dr. John Nab, **Authentic Life, Inc.**; Cody Evans, **AdamsGabbert**.

Leo Buse, **True North Hotel Group**; Caelee Lehman, **Rockhurst University**; Erin Seager, **Office Evolution**; Bill Bailey, **Costco Wholesale #369**.



Josh Hill, **Beckner and Associates**; Patrick Wertzberger, **Farmers Insurance**; Brandon Prestia, **Landmark National Bank**; James Hemenway, **Chicago Title**.



## LEARNING @ LUNCH



Sean Casserly, **Johnson County Library**; presented a program on growing leadership skills to the Overland Park Young Professionals.



## OP After Hours

hosted on July 12 by



Beverly Nichols, **Overland Park Host Lions Club**; Rep. Joy Koesten; Neal Nichols, **Overland Park Host Lions Club**.



Nikki Kearney and Elena Atnip, **HairMax Salon**; Evah Riungu, **Everyday Home Care Kansas City**.



Dan Kopshinsky and Colby Siebersma, **CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**; Dustin Smith, **Cleveland University Kansas City**.



## Corporate Spotlight:



**Empower Retirement** is imagining a future in which Americans can replace their working income – for life. The company is blazing new trails to transform the way individuals, employers and financial professionals approach retirement planning.

The nation's second-largest retirement plan provider (*Pensions & Investments*, April 2018), Empower administers over \$534 billion in assets for 8.5 million Americans across the country. Formed in 2014, Empower serves corporate 401(k) clients, government 457 plans, non-profit 403(b) organizations and Individual Retirement Account customers.

About 6,000 employees worldwide work at Empower. This includes over 600 associates at the firm's Overland Park office, 11500 Outlook Street.

Empower employees use company-paid volunteer time and matching donations to support causes closest to their hearts. Here are a few ways they give to the Greater Kansas City community:

- Empower teamed up with the American Lung Association in Kansas & Greater Kansas City to sponsor the Fight For Air Climb.
- Empower employees volunteered at Heart of America Stand Down to provide homeless veterans with short- and long-term resources needed to begin rebuilding their lives.
- In partnership with the United Way, TeamSmile and the Kansas City Chiefs, Empower volunteers held a one-day dental clinic to help brighten the smiles of low-income children in the community.
- Empower Retirement was a Silver Sponsor of the 2018 Kansas City Corporate Challenge, benefiting Special Olympics KC Metro.

For more information, visit:

- [www.Empower-retirement.com](http://www.Empower-retirement.com)
- Twitter: [@EmpowerToday](https://twitter.com/EmpowerToday)
- Facebook: [@empowerretirement](https://www.facebook.com/empowerretirement)
- Instagram: [@empowerretirement](https://www.instagram.com/empowerretirement)



*Empower softball team at the Kansas City Corporate Challenge.*

## Member News & Events

The City of Overland Park's proposed 2019 budget maintains the lowest mill levy of any city in Johnson County or any first-class city in Kansas. The recommended budget includes additional personnel in the police and fire departments, public works, parks services and Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead. A second public hearing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on **August 6**.

Overland Park was ranked #1 in the Midwest for "Best Cities for Young Families to Buy a House 2018" by the website, ValuePenguin.

Five million dollars in tax credits are still available to investors in innovative emerging businesses through the Kansas Angel Tax Credit (KAITC) program.

**Johnson County Government** is accepting applications for its Johnson County Citizens Academy, which takes place Tuesday evenings, **August 28-October 30**.

To address the ever-evolving needs of its clients, **Intouch Solutions** has formed Intouch Group, the parent organization for six affiliates representing the agency's diverse suite of capabilities and depth of service offerings.

Patrons of **Blue Valley Schools** have until **August 6** to apply for an open Board of Education position.

**Johnson County Government** is accepting applications for its Johnson County Citizens Academy, Tuesday evenings, **August 28-October 30**.

*(continued on the next page)*

Click the advertisement below for more information

# Thank you to our 2018 Sponsors!

## Corporate Partners



9001 West 110th Street, Suite 150  
Overland Park, Kansas 66210  
(913) 491-3600 • [www.opchamber.org](http://www.opchamber.org)

## Corporate Sponsors

[Affinis Corp](#)

[American Century Investments](#)

[Corporate Woods](#)

[Edward Jones](#)

[First National Bank](#)

[JE Dunn Construction Company](#)

[Johnson County  
Community College](#)

[Kansas City Power & Light](#)

[Kansas Gas Service](#)

[Saint Luke's Health System](#)

[The University of Kansas  
Edwards Campus](#)

## Leadership Circle Sponsors

AdamsGabbert

Fortune Financial Advisors, LLC

OMNI Human Resource  
Management

To add your name to this list each month,  
contact Tracey Osborne Oltjen  
at (913) 491-3600 or  
[tosborne@opchamber.org](mailto:tosborne@opchamber.org).

## Member News & Events

**RideKC** has added night service on Route 401 in Overland Park.

**Garver, LLC**, has hired these new employees: Ryan Robinson, project manager; and Collin Petri, project engineer; James McCollum and Brad Street as construction inspectors; and Terry Wilson as bridge inspector.

**MarksNelson LLC**, recently closed its offices for a day so its 181 employees could volunteer with 11 nonprofits across Kansas City.

**Children's Mercy** was once again recognized as one of the nation's top pediatric hospitals on *U.S. News & World Report's* 2018-2019 "Best Children's Hospitals" report.

Rebekka Collins and Debra Nelson are the new owners of **Kathleen's Flowers**, which has been in Overland Park since 1996.

The **Johnson County Board of County Commissioners** appointed Penny Postoak Ferguson as County Manager for Johnson County.

M. Gayle Packer has been named president of **Terracon**, succeeding David Gaboury, P.E., who has served as president and CEO for more than 20 years.

**Cleveland University-Kansas City** named Dr. Jason Qualls as Assistant Dean of Clinical Education.

At **Candlewoods Suites Overland Park-Kansas City**, Nina Duke is now general manager and Cara Daly is operations manager.

Dr. Daniel Lorenz, **Specialists in Sports and Orthopedic Rehabilitation**, was recognized as the 2018 Sports Medicine/Rehabilitation Specialist of the Year by the The National Strength and Conditioning Association.

John Hutchison, **Olathe Public Schools**, will receive the International Eagle Award from the Association of School Business Officials International.

To submit company news, [click here](#).

To submit events, [click here](#).