

BUSINESS MONTHLY



Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR



From left: Jordan Fears from Congresswoman Ann Wagner's office; Mark Schupp representing MO Senator Jill Schupp; Howard Weissman, Business Person of the Year; Mayor Greg Carl from the City of Olivette and Rich Sames, 2017 Chamber President

At the January membership luncheon the Business Person of the Year was presented to Howard Weissman of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Howard has been the Executive Director since 2013 and in only five years has taken an already viable agency that has competently addressed substance abuse issues in the region for many years to an even higher level of competence and community awareness. First he restructured staff and hired noted St. Louis journalist Eric Mink as the agency's primary publications writer and editor, which resulted in substantial funding increases for the agency, and allowed an eventual 20% growth in staff.

Howard secured sufficient contributions on his own to allow the agency to buy its own building in Olivette. After 48 years of leasing space, NCADA's new home at 9355 Olive Boulevard in Olivette was not only substantially larger than its previous space, it was a considerable upgrade in all respects.

Due to Howard's efforts, the agency secured funding to allow for award-winning PSAs regarding the opiate epidemic to be created and shown locally on Super Bowl broadcasts. The first PSA ran in 2016, ultimately went viral on YouTube and received attention and commendation from as far away as the Office of National Drug Control Policy in Washington, D.C. Howard was able to repeat the process, and the agency showed yet another hard-hitting, high-impact PSA in the 2017 Super Bowl with another being planned for the 2018 Super Bowl broadcast.

During Howard's tenure, NCADA received the Torch Award by the St. Louis Better Business Bureau in 2013 and was named a Top Workplace by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

During his acceptance remarks Howard Weissman announced he would be retiring in June and introduced his successor, Nicole Dawsey, who was also in attendance at the meeting.

Congratulations to Howard Weissman for this distinguished award!

(Other honorees may be found on page 4 of the newsletter.)

FEBRUARY 2018

FEBRUARY	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- Feb 6 Small Business Networking Group**
 Paragon Building at 12400 Olive Blvd
 5th Floor Conference Room
 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
- Feb 9 Coffee Connection**
 Brown Smith Wallace
 6 CityPlace Dr., First Floor
 8:00-9:00 a.m.
 (registration form enclosed)
- Feb 20 It's Just Networking**
 Enterprise Bank & Trust
 11401 Olive Blvd.
 8:30 a.m.
 No cost - no registration - just show up
- Feb 23 Awards Dinner & Auction**
 Orlando's Event and Conference Centers
 2050 Dorsett Village - Maryland Heights
 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
 (registration form enclosed)
- Feb 28 Young Professionals Group**
 The Post Sports Bar & Grill
 763 Old Ballas Rd.
 5:30 p.m.

There is no membership luncheon being held in February

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MEMBERSHIPS IN JANUARY:

5 Star Burgers - 1 year
Alpha Dental Care - 3 years
American Carnival Mart - 23 years
Applied Logic, Inc. - 2 years
Artherapy Studios - 1 year
Creve Coeur Fire Protection District - 33 years
Dalco Home Remodeling Inc. - 5 years
Edward Jones, Brandon Reuther - 4 years
Envision, LLC - 5 years
Ideacom Midwest, a Brookfield Company - 5 years
Missouri American Water Company - 20 years
OsteoStrong St. Louis - 2 years
Parkway School District - 15 years
PNC Bank - 16 years
Shea Home Care, Inc. - 3 years
SVN Lord Partners - 1 year
Tessler Promotions - 20 years
The Resale Shop - 5 years
Waterfront Crossing at Creve Coeur - 4 years

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Advanced Medical Weight Loss at the Crothers Institute

Secil Schodroski
12633 Olive Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63141
314-985-8006
AMweightlossCI.com
Weight Loss



Affiliated Insurance Agencies

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St. Louis, MO 63141
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AIASTL.com
Insurance

NEW MEMBER PROFILE



R.G. Ross Construction Company

Jim Slama
4079 Bayless Ave.
St. Louis MO 63125
314-638-9255
Website: rgross.com

Since 1975, R.G. Ross has maintained a steady growth to be among the premier general contractors in the Missouri and Illinois construction communities. For over 42 years, it has sustained strong growth by completing a wide range of projects for satisfied clients. The company's accomplishments stem from its versatility and dexterity. It boasts considerable expertise in many fields of construction including retail, schools, light industrial, ecclesiastical and medical, as well as multi-family and high quality luxury homes. R.G. Ross prides itself on its expertise in ground-up, turnkey construction as well as add-on building modifications and complete rehabilitation projects. For more information contact Jim Slama at 314-638-9255.

Gioia's Deli – opening in March!

Amanda Donley
623 N. New Ballas Rd.
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
314-776-9410
gioiasdeli.com
Restaurant / Catering

Jasper Agency - Farmers Insurance – moving to Creve Coeur in March!

Andrew Jasper
10465 Old Olive Street Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
314-403-1744
agents.farmers.com/ajasper
Insurance

Land Home Financial Services, Inc.

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12324 Olive Blvd.
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2018 AWARDS DINNER
& AUCTION

Theme: Get Your Kicks on Route 66

Friday, February 23rd
Orlando's Event and Conference Centers
2050 Dorsett Village – Maryland Heights
5:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Elegant Buffet Dinner and Open Bar

OTHER 2017 AWARD RECIPIENTS



The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to one of our biggest cheerleaders, Norma Pew (pictured with 2017 Chamber President Rich Sames). Norma serves on various chamber committees in support of chamber events. In 2017 she worked on the auction and trivia night committees. She attends numerous chamber meetings including Small Business Networking, Coffee Connections and Membership Luncheons. She also attends most chamber events. She also served as an Ambassador and helped mentor new members of the chamber.

Norma is passionate about the West County Civitan Club, which she represents as a chamber member. Norma was a mover and shaker in the Civitan organization in Arkansas prior to moving to St. Louis in 2013 to live closer to her family. When she visited the Chamber office, she announced that there were no Civitan Clubs in the St. Louis region, and it was her intent to start one here.

We are very fortunate to have Norma involved with our chamber.



This year the Rookie of the Year Award was presented to Jeremy Hodess from Capstone Franchise Consulting. As a franchise consultant Jeremy offers candidates a wealth of information about franchising generally as well as specific franchise businesses.

When Jeremy Hodess joined our chamber in March 2016 he immediately started attending our Small Business Networking Group. When the Chair of the group decided to hand off the reins to another person in the group, Jeremy agreed to take over. As chair he maintains the records for the group and creates and prints agendas for the meetings. The group is very self-sufficient with Jeremy Hodess as Chair.

In addition Jeremy supports the Chamber by participating in Coffee Connections, Membership Luncheons and Chamber social events.



From left: City Manager Barb Sondag, Councilmember Missy Waldman, Mayor Greg Carl and 2017 Chamber President Rich Sames.

The Community Service Award was presented to the City of Olivette for its new government center that opened in 2017. The 38,000 square foot building is the new home of Olivette City Police, Fire, Planning and Administration replacing the old City Hall, which was built in 1952.

Planning the complex started in 2013 when an adhoc committee was formed to investigate the need for a facility, review potential sites, and develop conceptual designs. The committee quickly determined that renovating the existing City Hall was not a viable option. Utilizing professional services, the committee and Council began looking at potential sites.

With real estate under contract, a preliminary design, and a cost estimate, Olivette citizens were asked to approve a \$13.5M bond to finance the project and on August 4, 2014 citizens overwhelmingly approved the bond initiative. Immediately following that success, work began on final design and engineering.

The building incorporates modern technology used to insure the safety of first responders and citizens. The Police Department's updated detention, evidence and interview areas allow for full integration of policing best practices. The Fire Department features multifunctional apparatus bays, a modern training tower and mezzanine, and improved living areas. The Planning and Community Development Department has also moved into the new facility and is housed in the administration area, enhancing coordination between departments. Original artwork may be found throughout the building, which adds color and vitality to the interior decoration. A history wall with dates and information profiles the significance of Olivette to the region. The beautiful building is a testament to the efforts of the council and staff of Olivette and our chamber congratulates them on the positive impact it has on the city.

It's Just Networking Group

Please note: The It's Just Networking Group changed its meeting day to the third Tuesday of the month beginning at 8:30 a.m. for open networking and the meeting begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. It will still be held at Enterprise Bank & Trust located at 11401 Olive Blvd. The group has morphed into a BNI-type leads group. Applications for this group are now available. For more information contact Yvonne Wesa at 314-363-4170.





CCO Coffee Connection

This free event gives you a chance to connect with others in an informal networking setting!

Bring lots of business cards and be prepared to share your business story!

Friday, February 9, 2018

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Light Breakfast Items & Networking

Brown Smith Wallace LLC

6 CityPlace Dr.

1st floor

Creve Coeur MO 63141

314-983-1200 Phone at Brown Smith Wallace

NO CHARGE but kindly RSVP for food count

Phone: 314.569.3536 Fax: 314.569.3073

10950 Olive Blvd., Suite 101

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Please RSVP by noon on February 7, 2018

REGISTER ONLINE: www.ccochamber.com or FAX: 314-569-3073

OR E-MAIL: ngray@cco chamber.com

Name of attendees _____

Business _____

Daytime phone _____



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(Honoring Creve Coeur, Olivette and St. Louis County Firefighters and Police Officers)

Friday, February 23, 2018

Orlando's Event and Conference Center

2050 Dorsett Village, Maryland Heights MO 63043

5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner with Premium Open Bar

Reservations Due by February 16th

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 - I need to be invoiced.
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For questions, please contact the CCO Chamber office at 314-569-3536.