



Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce

## Together, Positioning the Kearney Area for the Future.

The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to serving its members. The Chamber takes a leadership role in improving the Kearney Area's quality of life. The Chamber does this through promotion and support of business and industry, education, agriculture, health care and other cultural and civic interests.

Through the promotion and support of these areas, the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce is positioning our community for a bright and prosperous future. We strive to administer programs and projects that benefit our area, not only now, but also for years, decades and generations to come.

The Chamber does not do this alone. Hundreds of members and volunteers put forth countless hours to assist in the program of work of the Chamber, resulting in a community that is the envy of others in Nebraska and outside our state's borders as well. Without the efforts of our members, the Chamber's mission, to position the Kearney Area for the future, could not be achieved.

Chamber Committees are a vital part in making our goals and dreams for the future possible. Any employee of a Chamber member is welcome to participate in committees. Working with the Chamber is a great way to get involved with the Kearney community, network with business associates and take full advantage of your Chamber membership investment. Take the time to look at the active Chamber committees and consider becoming a member of one or several of them, you'll be glad you did.



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### TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

**Co-Chairman:** Jeanne Noyes, Charter Communications

**Co-Chairman:** Lisa Kirkpatrick, Viaero Wireless

**Board Liaison:** Troy Brockmeier, Wells Fargo Bank

**Meetings:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month

**PURPOSE:** To enhance Chamber members businesses through the use of information technology by increasing awareness and knowledge about current and emerging technologies by offering educational opportunities and promoting new technologies.

### BUSINESS & YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Chairman:** Janet Wilke, UNK

**Vice Chairman:** Will Prusia, NE Army National Guard

**Board Liaison:** Vicki Harper, Platte Valley State Bank

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

**PURPOSE:** Provide quality, professional growth programs and opportunities for the area youth and the community.

### COLONELS CLUB

**Chairman:** Lance Hehner, Farm Credit Services of America

**Vice Chairman:** Gene Beerbohm, Principal Financial Group

**Board Liaison:** Ed Berglund, Ashley Furniture Home Store

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month

**PURPOSE:** Serve as a public relations arm of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce.

### DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

**Chairperson:** Lisa Lieth

**Vice-Chair:** Fili Sanchez, Platte Valley State Bank

**Board Liaison:** Ben Homan, Edward Jones

**PURPOSE:** Provide education and awareness on diversity issues and events in the community.

### ENVOYS ORGANIZATION

**Chairman:** Mary Kampfe, Physical Therapy Professionals

**Vice Chairman:** Lori Gartner, Wachovia Securities

**Board Liaison:** Kelly Krier, Kearney Accommodations

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month

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### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Chairman:** Byron Hansen, Platte Valley State Bank

**Vice Chairman:** Stan Clouse, NPPD

**Board Liaison:** Craig Eckert, Platte River Radio

**Meetings:** Bi-weekly or as needed during legislative sessions. Quarterly when legislature is not in session.

**PURPOSE:** Monitor and initiate appropriate action on legislative matters which may impact the Kearney area.

### UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

**Chairman:** Joey Cochran, Wells Fargo Bank

**Vice Chairperson:** Mary Ann Larson, UNK

**Board Liaison:** Brad Holbrook, Jacobsen, Orr, Nelson, Lindstrom & Holbrook, P.C., L.L.C.

**Meetings:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month

**PURPOSE:** Foster the relationships among the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Kearney area.

### SMALL BUSINESS

**Chairperson:** Doug Mitchell, Marcotte Insurance

**Vice Chairperson:** Terry Holtzen, Kearney Crete & Block Company

**Board Liaison:** Randy Schleiger, Redmans Shoes & Ranchwear

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

**PURPOSE:** To serve as the catalyst for aggressive growth of small businesses while maintaining Kearney's position as one of Nebraska's leading entrepreneurial regions.

### WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

**Chairperson:** Bruce Blankenship, Kearney State Bank

**Vice Chairman:** Bruce Lear, Platte Valley State Bank

**Board Liaison:** Jerry Hellman, Hellman, Main, Coslor, & Kathol, PC

**PURPOSE:** Retain and supply sufficient resources of labor through recruitment and retention and to help promote training opportunities for the existing workforce for a productive economy.

## AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

**Chairman:** Alan Kegley, Nebraska National Bank

**Vice Chairman:** Ann Marie Bosshamer,  
Nebraska Beef Council

**Board Liaison:** Terry Buettner, Platte Valley  
Simmentals

**Meetings:** Quarterly

**PURPOSE:** Provide programs, which support and promote agriculture and encourage urban/ rural cooperation.

## SENIOR COALITION

**Chair person:** Jackie Purdy

**Board Liaison:** LR Smith, Geo Spencer Vineyard

**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of every month.

**PURPOSE:** The Senior Coalition has been established for community individuals 55+ that want to be involved in continuing the development of current and future issues of the area.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Chairperson:** Bruce Blankenship, Farmers  
Merchants Bank

**Vice Chairman:** Bruce Lear, Platte Valley State  
Bank

**PURPOSE:** To retain, train and recruit a strong labor force for the Kearney area.

## SPORT & RECREATION COMMITTEE

**Chairman:** Tim Higgins, Runza Drive In

**Vice Chairman:** Rich Broderson, UNK

**Board Liaison:** Kevin Matson, Eaton Corporation

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

**PURPOSE:** To contribute to the economic well being of the area by promoting Kearney as a greater

Nebraska Sports Center emphasizing athletics events, recreational facilities and attractions.

## KEARNEY HOSPITALITY

**Chairperson:** Krisann Sullivan, Frank House

**Vice Chairperson:** David Holl, Econolodge

**Board Liaison:** Kelly Krier, Kearney  
Accommodations

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

**PURPOSE:** Increase the number of visitors to Kearney by the marketing of retail and tourism opportunities for conventions, festivals and special events.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

**Chairman:** Andrea McClintic, UNK

**Vice Chairman:** Andrew Williams, Bank of the  
West

**Board Liaison:** Tom Tye II, Tye & Rademacher  
P.C., L.L.O.

**PURPOSE:** To empower future community leaders through professional development, personal growth, and networking opportunities.

## Committee Involvement

Please mark the committees below that interest you and fax or mail this portion back to the Chamber office.

*Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce*

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- Agriculture Committee  
 Business & Youth Education Committee  
 University Relations Committee  
 Colonels Club (*by nomination only, check if you would like to be considered, fees apply*)  
 Envoys Organization (*fees apply*)  
 Legislative Committee  
 Diversity Task Force  
 Small Business Council  
 Leadership Kearney  
 Hospitality Group  
 Workforce Development  
 Sport & Recreation Committee  
 Technology  
 Wellness Works  
 Young Professional Network (*fees apply*)  
 Senior Coalition

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



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*“Don’t ever doubt that a small  
group of people can  
accomplish amazing things.”*