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SHAWNEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2010 ANNUAL DINNER, AN EVENING IN ANCIENT GREECE
*The Chamber's Annual Dinner, "The Pillars of Shawnee: Isles of Ancient Greece,"
 An unforgettable evening with, good food, good drinks, and of course good company.*

SHAWNEE, Kan. – The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, *The Pillars of Shawnee: Isles of Ancient Greece*, was held Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at the beautiful Sheraton Overland Park Hotel honoring the 2010 Chairman of the Board of Directors Tim Harmon, Harmon Construction, Inc., and welcoming the 2011 Chairman of the Board, Jack Wagner, Shawnee Mission Medical Center. The gavel was passed from Harmon to Wagner, and the Chamber and its membership look forward to another prosperous year in 2011.



2010 Past Chairman of the Board Tim Harmon with 2011 Chairman of the Board Jack Wagner



2009 Citizen of the Year, Mayor Jeff Meyers awarded 2010 Citizen of the Year winner, Carol Gonzales, City of Shawnee.

Since 1972, the Annual Dinner has awarded the Citizen of the Year, a distinction awarded to an individual who has worked hard to make Shawnee a better place to live, work and grow. Nominations for this award are submitted by the Chamber's membership and voted on by a representation of past, award recipients. Congratulations to the 2010 Citizen of the Year award recipient, City Manager, Carol Gonzales. Carol Gonzales accepted the award and gave a very nice speech, thanking the city, her family, the Chamber and the Shawnee community. Gonzales was surprised, and accompanied on stage by her three children, and husband.

The evening would not have been possible without the on-going efforts and dedication of the Chamber's Annual Dinner Committee. For months, the following volunteers have given hours of hard work, time, and shared their creative ideas to make the annual dinner a success: Chair Chris Gorup, Shawnee Mission Ford; and Co Chair Jody Adams, JRA Baskets; Lori Barngrover, LA Graphics; Mary Becker; Bank of Blue Valley; Karen Boyd, Johnson County Christmas Bureau; Sue Brothers, Mobile Symmetry;

Devran Brower, The Halcyon Group; Danielle Browning, KCP&L; Michelle Hovick, Mary Kay Cosmetics; Dawn Kuhn, Bank Midwest; Michelle Lewis, Bayer HealthCare LLC, Animal Health; Jean Nelson, Porter Funeral Homes and Crematory; Joshua Reeves, INTRUST Bank; Paul Ridgway, American Family Insurance; Jason Sheahan Reddi Services; Dale Warman; and Teresa Weems, Harmon Construction, Inc., Ann Wilkinson, Argentine Federal Savings.

Thank you Bayer HealthCare LLC, Animal Health for being the event's Presenting Sponsor for their eighth year in a row. Diamond-Level Sponsors include Brotherhood Bank and Trust; and Deffenbaugh Industries. Emerald-Level Sponsors include AT&T; Amos Family Funeral Home, Bank Midwest, Commerce Bank,

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Metcalf Bank, Rodrock Development. Ruby-Level Sponsors include City of Shawnee, Edward Jones Investments, Warren Pray; GBA Architects and Engineers; Olson Manufacturing and Distribution; Porter Funeral Homes and Crematory; Reddi Services; and Weaver's Auto Center, Inc. Pearl-Level Sponsors include American Family Insurance – Paul Ridgway; Argentine Federal Savings; CoreFirst Bank and Trust; Hammond Chiropractic; Lathrop and Gage, L.L.P.; Leon Logan CPA, P.A.; Sign-A-Rama; State Farm Insurance - Patricia Lyles; and The Land Source. Thank you Capitol Federal Savings Bank for sponsoring the event's program, LA Graphics for its in-kind support and Randy Braley Photography for capturing the memories of the evening. Thank you to all of the event's sponsors for your continued support and dedication to the Chamber.

Both auctions, silent and live, are features of the evening, raising money to support the Betty Charlton Scholarship Fund, founded in year 1997 as a tribute to Betty Charlton and supports high-school seniors in the community today. The silent and live auctions, emceed by Mike Thompson, FOX 4 News, and Phil Detrixhe, Auctioneer, had exciting items and were successful.

Harmon recognized the retiring 2010 Board Directors Ann Zimmerman, Zimmerman Consulting; Tom Langhofer; Rodrock Development, Kathleen Whalen, The Whale Spout Carwash. He also recognized the 2010 Investor's Guild; Bank of Blue Valley; Bayer HealthCare LLC, Animal Health; Brotherhood Bank and Trust; Country Club Bank; Deffenbaugh Industries; First National Bank of Olathe; KU MedWest; Shawnee Mission Ford; Shawnee Mission Medical Center; and Zarda Rieke Development. Also acknowledged were, 2010 Ambassador of the Year Karen Boyd, Johnson County Christmas Bureau, and the 2010 Chamber Star Danielle Browning, KCP&L. Jack Wagner also introduced the 2011 Board of Directors of the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce and the 2011 Executive Committee to the audience.



*2011 Chairman of the Board, Jack Wagner,
Shawnee Mission Medical Center*

About the Chamber:

Established in 1946, the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization that works to preserve the best possible business climate and quality of life for Shawnee. With nearly 700 business members, the Shawnee Chamber Corporation (501C6) is comprised of three divisions: the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, the Shawnee Economic Development Council, and the Shawnee Convention and Visitor's Bureau. For more information, contact us at 913.631.6545 or visit our website at www.goodstartshere.com.

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