

Christmas Promotion Recap

The City's lights were turned on and Santa and Mrs. Claus came to Seneca Friday night after Thanksgiving. They listened to about 300 children's requests, had their pictures taken and passed out bags of candy (Thank You to Pamida and Life Care of Seneca). This event brought a large number of visitors from surrounding communities.

Sunday, December 6, the Monsters fought the Aliens on the Seneca Twin Theatre screen during the Kid's Matinee. Admission was with a food donation for our local food pantry. More than 150 items were collected.

Both of these events were sponsored by the Chamber and made possible by our Member's Dues and their support of our fundraisers.

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This year the Chamber Gift Certificate drawing was opened to local residents. In addition to Seneca, we had entries from:

Auburn NE	Arlington KS
Axtell KS	Baileyville KS
Beattie KS	Centralia KS
Corning KS	Delia KS
Derby KS	Goff KS
Havensville KS	Hiawatha KS
Manhattan KS	Marysville KS
Pawnee City NE	Roeland Park KS
Sabetha KS	Soldier KS
Topeka KS	Vermillion KS

The Gift Certificate drawing winners were:

Darin Ashworth, Haven KS
Rita Emmons, Topeka KS
Liz Stallbaumer, Axtell
Angie Kramer, Seneca

Business Guide/Member Directory

The final Proof changes have been made and the book will be printed and distributed this month. Copies will be available to all newcomers and visitors to Seneca. It will also be available online in PDF form, for viewing, downloading or printing.

The book is a source of answers to frequently asked questions about business hours, services and or products offered, e-mail addresses and website info.

Main St. Repairs

The Board received a request from the City for a letter supporting their request to KDOT for assistance in replacing the three blocks of Main St., from 3rd St. to 6th St. The Board felt they should receive input from the Membership. Because of the short time frame, it was decided that the request should be sent by e-mail.

Our e-mail list is still incomplete, but represents more than 70% of our Membership. The responses were 100% in favor of the letter.

Member Meeting Survey

Thanks to everyone who responded. The consensus was...

The Newsletter is adequate notification for most. E-mail notification will also be used for future meetings. Post cards were judged as an unnecessary expense.

Members rely on the newsletter for news.

Lunch meetings are preferred. Most want to continue meetings. Subject determines attending or not.

Time constraints and/or conflicts, naturally, determine if member attends.

The winner of paid attendance to the annual dinner meeting is:

Monae Schmelzle
Assure Crop Fertilizers

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<p style="text-align: center;">Our Mission Statement</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>To Promote, Encourage, and Improve the status of Seneca as a retail and visitor center of Northeast Kansas; to enhance the lifestyle and future of Seneca for all of its residents.</i></p>	<p>Phone: 785-336-2294</p> <p>e-mail: seneca_chamber@yahoo.com</p> <p>Mail: P.O. Box 135 Seneca, KS 66538</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2009 Board of Directors</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Deb Koch <i>Chairperson</i></td> <td>Bryan Schmitz <i>Vice Chairperson</i></td> <td>Gena Swart <i>Treasurer</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Sue Dick, Stacie Eichem, Beth Haug, Dave Haverkamp, Linda Heinen, Dustin Holthaus</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Harry Leem <i>Executive Director</i></td> </tr> </table>	Deb Koch <i>Chairperson</i>	Bryan Schmitz <i>Vice Chairperson</i>	Gena Swart <i>Treasurer</i>	Sue Dick, Stacie Eichem, Beth Haug, Dave Haverkamp, Linda Heinen, Dustin Holthaus			Harry Leem <i>Executive Director</i>		
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The Circus is returning!

We've booked the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus for a return engagement, Monday, May 17, with performances at 5:00 & 7:30. You'll remember they were here in May '08 and the event was a great success.

We receive a portion of all tickets sold through the office. This goes into our operating account and helps finance our activities. You'll be receiving an order form in the mail and we ask that you book all your tickets with us.

Last year a few of our Members bought blocks of tickets for distribution to local organizations for deserving children. If you'd like to do this, call the office and we'll help you.

If you receive a phone call from the circus's phone bank, we ask that you tell the caller that you've already ordered.

Annual Dinner

Pencil in April 14 on your new calendar. This year, we'll be meeting at Windmill Inn Steakhouse. You'll receive a mailing with details.

Ft. Riley Travel & Tourism Expo

We've booked a booth again at this event, March 17. Last year's Expo was canceled due to weather. At the previous events our booth received a lot of positive comments about what our community offers in the way of attractions and reasons for a visit.

Mutton Bustin'

This event has again been booked for Saturday night of the Nemaha County Fair. If you would like to be a Sponsor for this popular event, please contact Bryan Schmitz (336-2821), another Board member or the office.

This event draws not only local kids, parents and grandparents, but kids and their families from nearby communities.