



## Letter from the CEO

It was great to have so many of you join us at our first GKCRRA Industry Appreciation Night Mixer at J. Reiger on May 14th. The event was so popular we are planning to host another one September 10th. Be sure to join us at our next Board meeting on June 11th at Painted Hills Golf Course.

I would like to highlight a few legislative items that affect our businesses. In Kansas City having someone trained in alcohol safety is required when applying for or renewing your KCMO liquor license. [ServSafe Alcohol](#) is our preferred provider for this training. Other online courses are acceptable by Regulated Industries, but ServSafe is the gold standard for food and alcohol training. One person on your staff must be certified as a trainer. Our recommendation is to have a few trainers certified to teach all your serving staff alcohol procedures.

KCMO has an ordinance 240441 program called "Kansas City Outdoor Dining Enhancement Grant Program." This grant for up to \$15,000 allows restaurants to expand or enhance your outdoor dining spaces. When applications open contact KC BizCare.

On the Missouri State level we have the probability of an [initiative petition](#) being certified and going to the voters to approve increasing minimum wage to \$15 in 2026 and adding paid sick time accrued at 1 hour for every 30 hours worked starting in May of 2025.

At the federal level we are facing challenges with Junk Fees, Non-compete, Joint Employer, and DOL Salary thresholds for exempt workers. All are being opposed by the National Restaurant Association, and are being heard in court battles across the country. Time, upcoming elections, and judges' decisions will affect the outcome these rules have on our businesses. You can rest assured the MRA has acted on all of these items, we voiced our opinions, testified at hearings, met with members of congress, wrote letters, and lobbied for our industry to sway favorable outcomes.



Buddy Lahl | CEO

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**Upcoming Events**

At the GKCRA we have a showcase of events going on! We are excited to announce the following events:

ServSafe Manager Course - Sysco  
 June 11th @ 8:30am - 5:00pm  
[Click here to Register](#)

Chapter Meeting - Painted Hills Golf Course  
 June 11th @ 2:30pm  
[Click Here to Register](#)

Ron Barkley Tournaments - Chicken & Pickle (Overland Park)  
 June 17th @ 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
[Click here to Register](#)

Hospitality Day at the K - Kauffman Stadium  
 June 27th @ 5pm | 7:10pm - Game  
[Click here to Register](#)

GKCRA Jack Accurso Memorial Golf Tournament - Leawood Country Club  
 July 15th @ 5pm | 7:10pm - Game  
[Click here to Register](#)

To register for an event visit our website!

**MRA's New Hire**



Samantha Woodrow  
 Office Manager  
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**WELCOME**



**Herndon Career Center Places 2nd in National ProStart Competition!**

The GKCRA Sponsored Two Kansas City Schools, Van Horn & Herndon Career Center to attend the National ProStart Competition in Baltimore last month. We are thrilled to announce that Herndon Career Center has achieved remarkable success at the national ProStart Competition in culinary. Our ProStart students demonstrated extraordinary talent, dedication, and skill, securing an impressive 2nd place finish in this prestigious competition. This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work, passion, and commitment of our students, instructors, and the entire Herndon community.

As we celebrate this achievement, we are immensely proud of our ProStart students for their outstanding performance and representation of Missouri on the national stage. Their perseverance, creativity, and culinary expertise have truly shone through, showcasing the exceptional talent and potential that exists within our state's culinary community.

In the words of Michelle Korsmo, CEO of the National Restaurant Association, "Being in this room is more than an award, you have proven that no matter what is in front of you, you have earned the ability to say, 'I've got this!'" This sentiment resonates deeply with our ProStart students, who have demonstrated resilience, determination, and a can-do attitude throughout their journey to the national competition.

**Ron Barkley Tournaments**

**When:** Monday, June 17th  
**Where:** Chicken N Pickle Overland Park  
**Time:** 5pm - 8pm  
**What:** Pickleball and Cornhole Tournament

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Hospitality Day at the K



Tailgate Party

Join the GKCRA and HLA for a Hospitality Celebration Night. Participate at our tailgate party before the Royals game for good food, beverages, live music, and exciting yard games!

**Starts:** 5pm

**Location:** Lot N Kauffman Stadium

**Date:** Thursday, June 27



Royals Game

Take advantage of our Discounted Pricing for the game! Tickets can be as low as \$11.00 (Additional Online Fees May Apply)

**Starts:** 7:10pm

**Location:** Kauffman Stadium

**Date:** Thursday, June 27

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GKCRA Jack Accurso Golf Tournament

Join the GKCRA in our Annual Golf Tournament honoring the memory of Jack Accurso! Bring your company to compete in our annual tournament with restaurant and allied partners for the ultimate summer experience. Get a taste of our our contest holes, tasting holes, and wonderful sweet treats from some of our strong members.

**Starts:** 11am Check-In / 12:30pm Tee Off

**Location:** Leawood Country Club

**Date:** Monday, July 15

**Register for your slot before they sell out fast!**

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