

November--

November 24-"Happy Thanksgiving Day!"

November 24-**16th Annual "Thanksgiving Day 5K & Family Stroll"** presented by Sprint on Sprint Campus, 119th & Nall, 9am, more details at www.sportkc.org

November 24-**Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner & Delivery** for the community, 101 W Linwood, 11am-130pm, free dinner at Linwood. Volunteers deliver Thanksgiving Dinner to homebound/elderly 11am-1pm?, details/volunteer, call Salvation Army at 816-756-2769 or www.salarmy-mokan.org

November 24-**76th Annual Plaza Lighting Ceremony, Kansas City Power & Light "Season of Lights"**, 630pm program, 7pm flip of switch by Dick & Caro Vermeil, 725pm fireworks, County Club Plaza holiday lights nightly through Jan. 15th, more details at www.countryclubplaza.com

November 24-Dec 3-"**Marillac's Enchanted Forest**" at Union Station, benefit auction of 100 holiday decorated trees, free to the public, more details at www.unionstation.org Also, **Holiday Village Model Train Display** in Grand Hall at Union Station through January 15th, 2006

November 24-Dec **Salvation Army's Bell Ringing** fundraising campaign continues through holidays to support SA programs, info or volunteer 816-756-2769

November 24-Dec 24-"**Christmas in Song**", traditional celebration of the season at Quality Hill Playhouse, www.qualityhillplayhouse.com

November 24-Dec 26 **KC Repertory Theatre's 25th Annual Production of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol"**, www.kcrep.org

November 24-Dec 31 Longview Lake's "**Christmas in the Park**" holiday lights display benefits local charities, details www.jacksongov.org

November 24-Jan 3 **Downtown's "City Lights" & "Northern Lights of Zona Rosa"** are two more holiday lighting exhibits, www.downtownkc.org , www.zonarosa.com

November 24-Jan 8 **Harvesters Community Food Network "Check Out Hunger"** coupon promotion at local grocery stores, details www.harvesters.org (Harvesters has ongoing volunteer opportunities sorting product on T-Th evenings & most weekdays, also "**Behind the Barrels**" programs)

November 24-March 19 **Crown Center Ice Terrace** open for ice skating, more detail and hours at www.crowncenter.com

November 25-Biggest shopping day of the year, **Santa Arrives at Crown Center, 10am** (welcomed by Slugger, KC Wolf, Perry the Penguin) and in residence for children to Christmas Eve, also **Santa's Crayola Christmas Land** open though Dec 24th, Free admission for both, details at www.crowncenter.com,

November 25-**Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting at Crown Center**, program start 530pm w/Bill Grigsby, Mayor Kay Barnes & KC Chief Tony Richardson. Mayor's Christmas Tree is over 100'.. **Holiday Sing-a-long at Union Station** following lighting, 7-8pm, more details www.crowncenter.com, Mayor's Christmas Tree is symbol of Mayor's Christmas Tree fund which helps 33,000 KC area residents during holidays.

November 25-Dec 7 "**Santa vs. the Snowman**", **Sprint IMAX Theatre at Kansas City Zoo**, holiday favorite, battle for control of holidays, www.kansascityzoo.org

November 26-**Care of Poor People/COPP Inc's "Survival V for America's Poor & Homeless"**, Leavitt Warehouse, 2107 Central in the Crossroads, Noon-4pm, this semi-annual event provides blankets, coats, socks, toiletries, clothing and hot meal to hundreds of Kansas City's homeless and needy. Materials, food, volunteers needs, drop off information and additional details for these semi-annual (Fall & Spring) projects at www.coppinc.com.

November 26-**Handel's Messiah at Church of Resurrection**, 137th & Roe, 8pm, holiday classic performed by Kansas City Symphony & COR Chamber Singers, tickets \$20-\$30, more details at www.kcsymphony.org or www.cor.org
November 27-**Kansas City Chiefs host defending Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots** at Arrowhead Stadium, noon start, www.kcchiefs.com

November 30-**Central Exchange "CEO Series"** Luncheon w/ Karen Pletz, President & CEO, Kansas University of Medicine & Biosciences, Downtown Central Exchange, 1020 Central, 11:45am, members free/non-members \$35, more CX program details at www.centralexchange.org

December---

December 1-**KC Chamber "Business After Hours"** at **Kansas City Repertory Theatre**, 4949 Cherry, 5-7pm, \$10 members/\$25 non-members, also half price promotion on attending KC Rep's "The Christmas Carol" production that evening. More details at www.kcchamber.com

December 1-**Ozanam's 22nd Annual Hollywood Holiday Gala** at Westin Crown Center, 530pm start with cocktails, silent & live auction and dinner benefiting Ozanam Home programs, more details at www.ozanam.org

December 1-**KC Ad Club's Holiday "All Club After Hours"** at **Empire Room on Martini Corner**, 334 W 31st, 530-730pm, \$3 martinis, details www.kcadclub.com

December 1, Dec 1-3-**"An Evening in Crestwood"** benefiting **Children's Center for the Visually Impaired**, family event with miniature reindeer, gingerbread lane, Santa, percentage of proceeds benefit CCVI, free admission, **"Breakfast with Santa" on Dec. 3**, call 816-841-2284 or www.ccv.org

December 1-31 & into January-**Some of the ongoing KC Holiday lights, shows & fundraising campaigns continuing in December; "Christmas In Song"** (thru 24th), **"Christmas Carol"** (thru 26th), **Christmas In the Park** (thru 31st), **Salvation Army's Bell Ringing Campaign** (thru Dec), **"Project Warmth"** (thru Dec), **Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund** (thru Dec), **Harvesters "Check Out Hunger"** (thru Jan 8th), **Downtown "City Lights"** (thru Jan 15), **KCPL Country Club Plaza's "Season of Lights"** (thru Jan 15th). Some additional details on these events in November listing above.

December 1-31 Some additional live theatre throughout December include; **"Buddy-The Buddy Holly Story"** at American Heartland Theatre, **"Stuart Little"** at Coterie Theatre, **"Funny Money"** at New Theater Restaurant and **"Painted Alice"** at Unicorn Theatre. They are listed individually in full "COEs". Respective websites are www.ahtkc.com, www.thecoterie.com, www.newtheatre.com & www.unicorntheatre.org

December 1-31 Two current KC area exhibits are **"White House in Miniature"** at Truman Presidential Museum & Library (thru June) and **"Inside Africa"** at Union Station (thru Jan. 1). Union Station also has Children's Train Rides aboard **"Holiday Spirit"** through January 15th.

December 2-**The Cathedral's Center for Faith & Work Breakfast Series w/ Tom Hoenig, President of Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank; "Trust & Confidence: The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City"**, 730-845am at Westin Crown Center/Benton's Rooftop, \$10/\$5students, RSVP to 816-842-0416 X127 or more details and future First Friday Breakfast schedule at www.kcgolddome.org/faithandwork/breakfastclub

December 2-**"First Fridays" in Crossroads Art District**, free art crawl, 5-7pm?, more info, gallery listing at www.crossroadscommunityassociation.org

December 2-**"Christmas on the River"** at **English Landing Park in Parkville**, free, 6-9pm, with 1000 voice choir, visits w/Santa, fireworks, lights, 816-678-2358

December 2, 9-? **"Absurd Persons Singular"** at **H&R Block City Stage Union Station**, presented by Kansas City Actors Theatre, play is comedy about three couples domestic misadventure, more info or buy tickets, 816-235-6222 or www.kcactors.org

December 3-7th **Annual Reindeer Run/Walk thru "Christmas in the Park" lights, 7am**, Frank White Ballpark at Longview Lake, www.jacksongov.org

December 3-"**Jungle Bells**" at the **Kansas City Zoo**, children's & family event with costumes, crafts, pictures, Santa vs. Snowman at IMAX Theatre and more, 10am-4pm, details at www.kansascityzoo.com

December 3-**Kansas City Ballet's Sugar Plum Fairy Luncheon**, **Westin Crown Center**, 1030am-1pm, holiday children's and family event, www.kcballet.org

December 3-**2005 Dr. Pepper Big 12 Football Championship** at Reliant Stadium in Houston, TX, Noon start (ABC), most likely North Champion, Colorado? vs. most likely South Champion, Texas?, more information at www.big12sports.com

December 3-**Junior League of Wyandotte & Johnson Co. "Community Ball 2005" Gala**, 7pm, details call 913-371-2303

December 3-**Church of Resurrection Single Adult Ministry's "Winter Wonderland Dance"**, Narthex of West Building, COR Church, 137th & Roe, 8pm-midnight, \$15 includes appetizers, non-alcoholic beverages & DJ, tickets must be purchased in advance by calling COR, more details at www.cor.org

December 3-24 **KC Ballet's performs "The Nutcracker"** holiday classic, schedules and ticket info at www.kcballet.org

December 3-4. 10-11 **Kansas City World Holiday Mart in City Market**, list of attractions at www.kc-citymarket.com

December 3, 10 & 17 "**the Fairy Princess**" at the **Kansas City Museum**, 3218 Gladstone, children's holiday event, 10am-4:30pm, \$7, 816-483-8300

December 4-**Salvation Army's Shut-In Sunday**, Join 200 other volunteers in brightening the day of a homebound person in KC area. Call 816-968-0335 to volunteer between 1pm and 3pm to deliver a Salvation Army gift to those unable to get out and about, www.salarmy-mokan.org.

December 4-**Denver Broncos vs. Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium**, 3:15pm start (CBS), www.kcchiefs.com

December 4-**Friendship Exchange Holiday Party** at Pinegate West Apartment Clubhouse, 7pm, \$20members/\$30non-members, one of the biggest FX events every year. Details, RSVP, info on other Friendship Exchange events at www.friendshipexchange.net

December 4-Jan 10-**2nd Annual Spector Flag Tribute** honoring the 2100 Americans lost in Iraq war. Yard display with 2100 American flags, lit for night viewing, is 6520 W. 106th, Overland Park.(west of Lamar on 106th). Call Joe Spector for more details. Holiday blessing to the American troops here and abroad.

December 5-**The Salvation Army "Annual Civic Dinner;"** annual Christmas celebration and awards dinner to honor civic leaders; 6pm, Call 816-968-0373 Information on Salvation Army dinner, volunteering and programs at www.salarmy-mokan.org

December 6-**K.C. Networking Breakfast** at Clarion at Sports Complex, I-70 & Blue Ridge Cutoff, 715-830am, small business focus, minority owned and women owned business networking, call 816-926-7203 to RSVP or with questions, 1st Tuesday each month

December 6-**Council on Philanthropy's 30th Anniversary Celebration at Liberty Memorial**, 430-7pm, brief program 545pm, COP members free, member guests \$15, RSVP req., for more details call 816-235-6259 or www.kcphilnet.org

December 6-11 **Theater League present "Little Shop of Horrors"** at the **Music Hall**, www.theaterleague.com

December 6-30 **Theatre for Young America's "The Elves & the Shoemaker"**, **H&R Block Stage, Union Station**, TYA 816-460-2083 or www.unionstation.org

December 7-**Harvester's "Behind the Barrels"**, Harvesters' facility, 3801 Topping, 8-915am or 11:45am-1pm, open to the public, everyone welcome, tour of distribution facility, montly educational program on Harvesters mission, light meal

provided, free, register or more details at www.harvesters.org (Nearly 3,000 attended VIP pr-grand opening of Dave & Buster's at Village West raising \$22,500 for Harvesters. Congrats to Dave & Busters & Harvesters.)

December 7-8 **53rd Annual Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumae "Holiday Homes Tours"**, more info call 913-383-7711

December 8-**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours"**, location TBA, 530-730pm, details at www.hccgkc.com

December 8-**BIG Happy Hour**, social, networking, casual intro to **Big Brothers Big Sisters of KC** w/staff, volunteers, public welcome, bring a friend, 530 -730 pm, LeVe Bar & Grill, 16 W 43rd, these are held four times a year, more details at www.bigbrothersbigsisterskc.org BBBS has hundreds of KC youth on their waiting list for BIG matches. They also have an **orientation lunch** one Friday of each month, maybe something to consider in the new year.

December 8-**ODV Monthly Wine Tasting** at Dark Horse Tavern in Westport, 6-8pm, \$20, RSVP requested and details at www.odvkc.com

December 9-**"Merry Tuba Christmas" at Town Pavilion, 1111 Main**, annual holiday music over lunch hour, Noon-1pm, free, info Sharon, sko@cwbk.com

December 9-**Young Friends of Art Happy Hour at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art**, 4525 Oak, Rozelle Court, Free to attend, drink specials, appetizers provided, live music in Rozelle Court, art exhibits, more details, call Nelson-Adkins at 816-561-4000 or visit www.nelson-atkins.org

December 9-**Ozanam Guild's "Second Friday" at Bohemian Gallery**, 1925 Central, 6-10pm, \$20 inc. wine, beer, appetizers, music, door prizes, benefits Ozanam Home projects, more details at www.ozanamguild.org. **(Holiday Second Friday is four hours & \$20, 2 hrs. & \$10 other eleven months)**

December 9 & 11 **24th Annual "Project Warmth" Campaign, Dec. 9 is "Project Warmth Day" /KCTV 5** broadcasting Special and accepting donations 9am-7pm, **Dec. 11 has Project Warmth pre-paid Envelope (donated by Tension) Insert in the Sunday KC Star**, details at www.kctv5.com

December 10-**Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City "Holiday Party"**, 9-11am, Church of Resurrection, 137th & Roe, more info www.kcdsg.org

December 11-**2005 & 17th Annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk benefiting Arthritis Foundation**, 5k & 10K runs/1 mi. walk, Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Boulevard, 9am, \$20, costumes welcome, post race refreshment in JOCO gym, more details at www.arthritis.org (Additional KC area walk & run listings for 2006 in the monthly "COEs" at at www.mararunning.org)

December 11-**Kansas City Chiefs vs. Dallas Cowboys** in Texas Stadium, 315pm start, www.kcchiefs.com

December 12-**Central Exchange's Revitalization of Kansas City Performing Arts Center Update** w renowned, architect Moshe Safdie, Julie Irene Kaufman & others, 11:45am at Downtown CX, 1020 Central, members free/non \$30, RSVP req, may sell out, details and other CX programs at www.centralexchange.org

December 13-**Jason Whitlock, KC Star columnist & BBBS celebrity spokesman, will be honored/roasted at Gem Theatre, Big Brothers Big Sisters KC's annual party**, BBBS invite/RSVP req, more details on this event & BBBS programs at www.bigbrothersbigsisterskc.org

December 14-Jan 4 **2005-2006 College Football Bowl Season**, 28 games, 56 teams, Go Big 12! Go Tigers!!, www.ncaasports.com, bowl selections on Dec. 4th

December 15-**Arts Alive KC "Release the Inner Scrooge" w/ Paul Messner Adult Puppet Show**, 1006 Linwood, \$20, reception 6pm, show 8pm, RSVP required and details at www.ArtsAliveKC.com

December 16-**Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art's Opening Reception & Artist's Talk, "Decelerate" & "Foldoverfold: Marcie Miller Gross"**, free, 530- 730pm, www.kemperart.org **Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art's "Vanishing Sky" exhibit continues through January 8th**, www.nelson-atkins.org

December 16-**Nutcracker BARREFLY** Post Performance Party at Hotel Phillips, 930-11pm?, Enjoy The Nutcracker for a discounted rate, come and meet the dancers after the show! Call 816-931-2232 x 375 for tickets or visit www.kcballet.org for more details.

December 16-18 **KC Symphony's "Magic of Christmas"** at the Music Hall, times and more info at www.kcsymphony.org

December 16 & 18 **"Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral"** w/William Baker Festival Singers, Youth Festival Singers of KC & REZOUND handbell ensemble, at **Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral**, 16th-8pm, 18th-3pm, \$15 adults/\$10 students/seniors, 816-235-6222 or www.festivalsingers.org

December 17, December 19 until Jan 1 **Kansas City Southern's "Holiday Express" Train & Santa Claus** arrive at Union Station Dec. 17th, 10am-5pm for tours, children's visits with Santa, train's 10,000 lights illuminated at 530pm and train departs, returns 19th until year end, train lights lit nightly at dusk, www.unionstation.org

December 17-**Kansas Chiefs at New York Giants**, Saturday football, 4pm (CBS), www.kcchiefs.com

December 20-**KUDL's & Hyatt Regency Crown Center's "World's Largest Office Party"**, 530-9pm?, WLOP is a holiday tradition with sports & media celebrity bartenders, cash bar, DJ & live music, \$5 admission benefits local charity, details TBA, call Hyatt or December "COE". Hope to see you there.

December 20 **Lew's Bar & Grill Christmas Party**, 3-11pm, appetizer buffet 4-7pm, Santa 9pm, call Lew's for details.

December 21-**First Official Day of Winter, Winter Solstice** is the shortest day(light) of the year.

December 21-**MU vs. Illinois College Basketball "Braggin Rights" game** in St. Louis, 7pm (ESPN), KC Tiger Club &/or MU Alumni Assn.-KC will usually have a holiday watch party here in KC, details at www.kctigerclub.com, www.kctigers.com or www.mutigers.com

December 23-25 **Christmas Church Services?** If you do not have a church home, travel or holiday schedules preclude you attending elsewhere or just looking for a Christmas worship service, you are welcome at COR. The United Methodist **Church of Resurrection**, 13720 Roe in Leawood, will have a half dozen or more services Christmas week. Services will have traditional holiday experiences; Christmas music, familiar carols, candlelight and the Christmas Story. COR's has seating for 3000 at each service, so also may be an Easter option or in between. Church schedules and more COR info at www.cor.org .

December 24-**Kansas City Chiefs vs. San Diego Chargers** at Arrowhead Stadium, Christmas Eve (Sat.) football, Noon (CBS), www.kcchiefs.com

December 25-**Christmas Day! "Merry Christmas"**

December 25-**Salvation Army Christmas Dinner & Delivery** for the community, 101 Linwood, 11am-130pm, Free dinner served at Linwood location. Volunteers deliver Christmas dinner to homebound/elderly 11am-1pm?, details? volunteer? call 816-756-2769 or www.salarmy-mokan.org

December 25-Jan 2 **Hanukkah, eight day Jewish holiday**, "Festival of Lights" celebration, is from sunset Dec. 25th to sunset, Jan. 2nd. **"Happy Hanukkah"**

December 26-Jan 1 **Kwanzaa 2005**; six day celebration of African-American heritage, family, community and culture.

December 31

New Year's Eve, a few **celebrations** are listed below with more NYE events and details in December "COE" or NYE "XTRA" email. **Union Station's "Over the Top Under the Clock"** Family Celebration, party inc. Liverpool, Brody Buster, \$49.95, details at www.unionstation.org.

Hyatt New Year's Eve Party, six bands, four entertainment areas, 20,000 balloons, laser & pyrotechnic shows; Clique, Four Fried Chickens & A Coke, DJ Kirby, Charlie & the Stingrays: packages \$60, \$100, \$135, \$175, details at www.hyattnye.com

New Year's Eve at the Uptown Theatre, 3700 Broadway, four rooms, open bar, buffet, Allied Saints, Alacartoon, DJ Mike Dileo, DJ Mark Jungerman, Now & Then, \$100, tickets through Ticketmaster, more details at www.uptowntheater.com or calling 816-753-8665

KC Ski Club's New Year's Eve Bash at Shawnee Civic Center, 13817 Johnson Dr., DJ Big Kahuna, pop, cups, ice provided, BYOB, casual or formal, \$15adv/\$20dr., more details at www.kcskiclub.org

Martini Corner New Year's Eve; Velvet Dog & Empire Room, \$40, call Velvet Dog or visit www.martinicorner.com

Black Party II NYE 2005 at Californos in Westport, call Californos or KC S&SC at 816-582-3329

DJ Zepster, SinglesKC.org & All City Christian Singles NYE Dance at Prince of Peace Church, Olathe, \$27, www.zepster.com or www.singlekc.org

Other New Year's Eve Celebrations may inc. **Fairmont, Raoul's Velvet Room, Woodlands, Arrowhead, West**

Bottoms, 12 Baltimore, etc., check Dec. COE.

January—

January 1-**New Year's Day 2006, "Happy New Year!"**

January 1-**Cincinnati Bengals vs Kansas City Chiefs** at Arrowhead Stadium (Sunday), Noon start (CBS), www.kcchiefs.com

January 2-**Federal Holiday** (Monday) for New Year's Day, BCS Bowl Games, **Tostitos Fiesta Bowl** in Tempe, AZ, 330pm (ABC) and **Nokia Sugar Bowl** in Atlanta, GA, 730pm (ABC), more college football info at www.bcsfootball.org

January 3-**K.C. Networking Breakfast**, Clarion at Sports Complex, I-70 & Blue Ridge Cut-off, 7:15am, \$10, focus on MBE, WBE, small business networking, info, RSVP or sign up as a speaker, 816-926-7203 or www.r6.gsa.gov/breakfast

January 3-Bowl Championship Series (BCS) **FedEx Orange Bowl** in Miami, FL, 7pm (ABC), www.bcsfootball.org

January 4-**BCS National Championship at the Rose Bowl** in Pasadena, CA, 7pm (ABC). www.bcsfootball.org

January 5&6 **Harlem Globetrotters**, showmanship basketball, at Kemper Arena, call Kemper or ticketmaster for more details.

January 6-**"First Fridays" in Crossroads Art District**, free art crawl, 5-7pm?, more info, gallery listings at www.crossroadscommunityassociation.org

January 7-8, **NFL Playoffs; Wild Card Weekend**, Jan. 14-15 **Divisional Playoffs**, Jan. 22-AFC & NFC **Conference Championships**, www.nfl.com

January 10-**Church of Resurrection's Single Adults Ministry "Ignite!" 2006 Kick-off**, meet every Tuesday evening, all singles welcome, other January Ignite! meetings are January 17th, 24th & 31st at COR, 137th & Roe, call COR or visit www.cor.org for more details.

January 13-**Friday the 13th?**

January 13-**Young Friends of Art Monthly Happy Hour**, second Friday of the month, free, details at www.nelson-atkins.org or call 816-751-1305

January 13-**Ozanam Guild "Second Fridays"**. location TBA, montly happy hour benefiting Ozanam programs, 6-8pm, \$10, details at www.ozanamguild.org

January 14-**Catholic Charities "Snow Ball"** at Crown Center Exhibition Hall, reception, dinner, dance, 6pm-1am, \$200, details at www.catholiccharitiesks.org

January 15-KCP&L **Country Club Plaza' s "Season of Lights"** ends, holiday lights nightly Nov. 24th-January 15th, www.countryclubplaza.com

January 16-**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**, check the Kansas City Star or January "COE" for local celebrations and observances.

January 16-**MU-KU Men's Basketball** at Norm Stewart Court, Mizzou Arena, Columbia, MO, 6pm (ESPN)

January 19-**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours"**, location TBA, 530-730pm, \$5member/\$10non, www.hccgkc.com

January 20-**Arts Alive Kansas City** monthly event "Raisin in the Sun" at KC Repertory Theatre, \$20, RSVP req, more details at www.ArtsAliveKC.com

January 26 **KC Chamber's "2006 Technology Entrepreneurs Showcase" Business After Hours**, Crown Center Exhibit Hall (next to Hyatt), 4:30-7pm (extended hours), \$10 members/\$25 non-members, details or to reserve booth space, www.kcchamber.com or 816-374-5443

January 26-27-**Special Olympics Kansas "Heartland Winter Games"**, skiing, skating, hockey, venues and schedules at www.kssso.org

January 28-**Young Friends of Art "Party Arty 2006"**, more details at www.nelson-atkins.org or call YFA 816-751-1305

January 28-**Scott Fitness Art Party, Scott Fitness**, 200 Wyandotte, 7-midnight, free; art, music, drinks, hor d'eaures, www.scottfitness.com

January 29-**Children's TLC Groundhog Run in Hunt Midwest Subtropolis**, 5K & 10K more details www.huntmidwest.com , www.mararunning.com or calling Groundhog Run hotline 913-526-4641

February---

February 3-American Heart Assn's **"Wear Red Day" in Missouri & Kansas**, \$5 AHA donation to wear jeans & RED to work, details www.americanheart.org,

February 3-**"First Fridays" in Crossroads Art District**, free art crawl, 5-7pm?, more info, gallery listings at www.crossroadscommunityassociation.org

February 4-**K.C. Polar Bear Plunge at Longview Lake**, register 130pm, plunge 230pm, \$50, fundraiser for Missouri Special Olympics, www.somo.org

February 4-April 30 "**Sports: Breaking Records, Breaking Barriers**", Smithsonian exhibit at Union Station, more details at www.unionstation.org

February 5-**Super Bowl Sunday, Super Bowl XL** at Ford Field in Detroit, MI, 40th anniversary, more details at www.nfl.com, Go Chiefs!

February 7-**K.C. Networking Breakfast**, Clarion at Sports Complex, I-70 & Blue Ridge Cut-off, 7:15am, \$10, focus on MBE, WBE, small business networking, info, RSVP or sign up as a speaker, 816-926-7203 or www.r6.gsa.gov/breakfast

February 10-**Young Friends of Art Monthly Happy Hour**, second Friday of the month, free, details at www.nelson-atkins.org or call 816-751-1305

February 10-**Ozanam Guild's "Second Fridays"**. location TBA, montly happy hour benefiting Ozanam programs, 6-8pm, \$10, details at www.ozanamguild.org

February 10-**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's "Jeans & Gems" Auction & Benefit**, details TBA at www.hccgkc.com

February 10-26 **XX Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy, Torino 2006**, schedule of events at www.olympic.org, Go U.S.A.

February 11-**"Polar Bear Strut" 5K (9am) & "9th Annual Polar Bear Plunge"**, Shawnee Mission Park Lake, (noon) fundraisers Kansas Special Olympics, details at www.kssso.org and call 913-789-0334

February 11-**2nd Annual "Kiss & Tail" at Kansas City Zoo**, 6pm, Valentine event inc. hors d'oeuvres, drinks, program on animal courtships "lovin" on the wild side, \$35ea/\$70 per couple, \$65 FOTZ couples, more details www.kansascityzoo.org

February 14-**Happy Valentines Day!** (Tuesday)

February 17-**Kansas City Ski Club's "Hookers & Hellraisers" Dance**, Plaza Marriott Ballroom, 830pm-1230am, costumer prizes, \$10, prizes, www.kcskiclub.org

February 18-**MU-KU Men's Basketball** in Lawrence (CBS), 2:45pm start

February 18-**"Bacchus Ball"** at Town Pavilion, 11th & Main, 7-midnight, benefit Bacchus Foundation/Children's SPOT, more details TBA at www.bacchuskc.org

February 18-**Advertising Club of Kansas City's Omn Awards Show** at Downtown Marriott, 200 W. 12th, more details TBA at www.kcadclub.com

February 20-**President's Day** Holiday (Monday), **Abraham Lincoln's** Birthday, February 14th; **George Washington's** Birthday February 22nd

February 23-**KC Chamber "Business After Hours"**, **Power Play Family Entertainment Center**, 13110 W. 62nd Terrace, Shawnee Mission, KS

5-7pm, \$10 members/\$25 non-members, (tentative BAH date) confirm date & location, RSVP or info at www.kcchamber.com or 816-374-5489

February 23-26 **Kansas City Ballet's Winter Performance**, Lyric Theatre, 1029 Central, more details and BARRE event info at www.kcballet.org

February 25-American Heart Association "**Heart Ball**" at Westin Crown Center, Heart & Soul is the theme for black tie gala presented by Cerner Corporation, 630-1130pm, \$150, more details at www.americanheart.org or call AHA at 913-648-6727

February 28-**Southtown Council/KC Convention & Visitors Assn's Annual "After Hours Business Exchange"** at Cleveland Chiropractic College, 6401 Rockhill, 5-7pm, \$5 per person, more details or sign up as exhibitor, www.southtown.org or call Marti at 816-523-5553

February 28-**Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday"**, check out **KC Blues Society** for annual **Mardi Gras Blues Club Crawl** info, www.kcbluessociety.com . **KC Jazz** events. Jazz Lover's Pub Crawl, later in the summer, and Jazz Ambassador fundraisers can be seen at www.jazzkc.org. St. Louis usually hosts some Mardi Gras festivities.

Mardi Gras and Lent, times to remember ongoing efforts to aid and support the people of New Orleans, Gulf Coast & K.C. **American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Heart to Heart. & Harvesters** contacts are included in the "Key Contacts" section below. Web sites list programs, needs and volunteer opportunities there and locally.

March---

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March 9-**Heart of America United Way Annual Meeting**, 11:30am luncheon, Hyatt Regency, lunch & UW programs info, www.hauw.org & www.kcunitedway.org

March 9-12 **Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship in Dallas, Big 12 Women's Basketball Tournament** also in Dallas, March 7-11, www.big12sports.com

March 10-**Young Friends of Art Monthly Happy Hour**, second Friday of the month, free, details at www.nelson-atkins.org or call 816-751-1305

March 10-**Ozanam Guild's "Second Fridays"**. location TBA, monthly happy hour benefiting Ozanam programs, 6-8pm, \$10, details at www.ozanamguild.org

March 11-**28th Annual Westport St. Patrick's Day Run**, Pennsylvania & Westport Rd., 10am, 4 mi. run, more details at www.sportkc.org

March 16-**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours"**, 530-730pm, \$5members/\$10non-members, details at www.hccgkc.com

March 16-20 "**March Madness**" **NCAA Basketball Tournament**, 1st & 2nd Rounds reduce 65 team field to "Sweet Sixteen", www.ncaasports.com

March 17-**33rd Annual Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade**, on Grand between Pershing & 14th St., times and more info www.kcirisparade.com

March 20-Spring Equinox, **first day of Spring** (Monday)

March 23-**KC Chamber Business After Hours: "Small Business Celebration Candidate's Showcase**, Muelbach Towers, Imperial Ballroom, 5-7pm, \$10 members/\$25 non-members, info at www.kcchamber.com or 816-374-5489 (one of the better "after hours" with up to 100 small business exhibitors)

March 23-26 "**March Madness**" **NCAA Basketball Tournament**, 3rd & 4th Rounds reduce "Sweet 16" to "Final Four", www.ncaasports.com

April---

April 1-**April Fool's Day** (Saturday), NCAA Division I **Men's Basketball FINAL FOUR** Semi-finals, RCA Dome, Indianapolis, IN., details at www.ncaasports.com

April---June **Leukemia & Lymphoma Man & Woman of the Year Contest**, six week fundraising campaign w/ Kick-off & Grand Finale details TBA, www.lls.org/mid

April 3-"**Greater Kansas City Day**", Rotary Club/KC Star/KC Royals, special edition newspapers on street corners, benefit Rotary Youth Camp & children's charities

April 3-**Kansas City Royals Baseball Season & Home Opener** vs. Detroit Tigers at Kauffman Stadium, time TBA, details at www.kcroyals.com

April 3-NCAA Division I **Men's Basketball Championship FINALS**, RCA Dome, Indianapolis, IN, details at www.ncaasports.com

April 4-**K.C. Networking Breakfast**, Clarion at Sports Complex, I-70 & Blue Ridge Cut-off, 7:15am, \$10, focus on MBE, WBE, small business networking, info, RSVP or sign up as a speaker, 816-926-7203 or www.r6.gsa.gov/breakfast

April 7-"**First Fridays**" in **Crossroads Art District**, free art crawl, 5-7pm?, more info, gallery listings at www.crossroadscommunityassociation.org

April 8-**2006 MS Walk-Kansas City** Metro Branch, Kauffman Foundation, 4801 Rockhill Rd, 9am start, more details at www.nmsskc.org

April 8-**9th Annual Heart to Heart International "Volunteer Day"**, 9am-noon, hundreds of volunteers, dozens of projects, details www.hearttoheart.org

April 14-**Young Friends of Art Monthly Happy Hour**, second Friday of the month, free, details at www.nelson-atkins.org or call 816-751-1305

April 14-**Ozanam Guild's "Second Fridays"**. location TBA, montly happy hour benefiting Ozanam programs, 6-8pm, \$10, details at www.ozanamguild.org

April 16-**EASTER Sunday!**

April 17-**TAX DAY** :-(**is delayed!** :-) Income Tax Returns are usually due April 15th, but since April 15, 2006 is a Saturday, we get an extra two days to pay.

April 21-**Tiger Ball 2006** at Hyatt Regency at Crown Center, more details at www.kctigers.com or www.kctigerclub.com

April 22-**2006 MS Walk-Johnson Co.**, Shawnee Mission Park, 7900 Renner Road, 9am start, more details at www.nmsskc.org

April 22-**Aids Walk Kansas City 2006**, Theis Park, South of 47th Street from Nelson-Atkins Museum, more info TBA at www.aidswalkkansascity.org

April 27-**KC Chamber Business After Hours, "Top Ten Small Businesses 2006", Hyatt Regency**, 5-7pm, \$10 members/\$25 non-members, www.kcchamber.com

April 27-10th Annual Harvesters' "**Forks & Corks**", food & wine sampling fundraiser at Union Station's Festival Hall, 6-9pm?, details at www.harvesters.org
(2005 Forks & Corks drew over 1,900 attendees raising \$140,000 dollars and helping to provide 700,000 meals to the hungry.)

April 29-**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Ball** at Muelbach Towers Downtown, more details at www.lls.org/mid

April 30-2006 Sabates Eye Center "**Trolley Run**", 4 mile Waldo to Plaza, benefit Children's Center for Visually Impaired, details TBA at www.trolleyrun.org

May---

May 2-**K.C. Networking Breakfast**, Clarion at Sports Complex, I-70 & Blue Ridge Cut-off, 7:15am, \$10, focus on MBE, WBE, small business networking, info, RSVP or sign up as a speaker, 816-926-7203 or www.r6.gsa.gov/breakfast

May 5-**Cinco de Mayo!** celebrations of Mexican-American heritage, recognition events in Rosedale Park, Southwest Boulevard, etc.

May 5-"**First Fridays**" in **Crossroads Art District**, free art crawl, 5-7pm?, more info, gallery listings at www.crossroadscommunityassociation.org

May 5-7 **21st Brookside Art Annual**, 63rd & Brookside, 185 artists, more details at www.brooksidekc.org

May 7-Greater Kansas City March of Dimes "**WalkAmerica**", Shawnee Mission Park, Theatre in the Park, 9am, 6 mi., details www.walkamerica.org or 816-561-0175

May 11-**12th Annual Great Leaders Award Dinner**, honoring/roasting **Hon. Jack Danforth**, Hyatt Regency, benefit Swope Health Foundation, www.swopehealth.org

May 12-**Young Friends of Art Monthly Happy Hour**, second Friday of the month, free, details at www.nelson-atkins.org or call 816-751-1305

May 12-**Ozanam Guild's "Second Fridays"**. location TBA, montly happy hour benefiting Ozanam programs, 6-8pm, \$10, details at www.ozanamguild.org

May 13-the "**Bloom**" party, benefit for Kansas City Free Health Clinic, more details TBA at www.kcfree.org

May 18-**KC Chamber "Business After Hours"** at **Kansas City Star** (tentative date), 5-7pm, \$10 members/\$25 non-members, www.kcchamber.com

May 20-**Waysides Waifs Fur Ball**, more details at www.waysidewaifs.com

May 20-**KC Starlight Annual Gala**, more details at www.kcstarlight.com

May 27-29 **Memorial Day Weekend**

May 29-**19th Annual Amy Thompson "Run to Daylight"** (Monday) 5K, 8K, Family Stroll, Kid's Run, Loose Park, 8am, benefit Brain Injury Assn., www.biakc.org

June-

June 2-**JAZZOO! 2006**, creative black tie gala benefiting and held at the Kansas City Zoo, more details TBA at www.jazzookc.org or call KC Zoo at 816-513-5800

June 2-**First Fridays" in Crossroads Art District**, free art crawl, 5-7pm?, more info, gallery listings at www.crossroadscommunityassociation.org

Jan. 6-**K.C. Networking Breakfast**, Clarion at Sports Complex, I-70 & Blue Ridge Cut-off, 7:15am, \$10, focus on MBE, WBE, small business networking, info, RSVP or sign up as a speaker, 816-926-7203 or www.r6.gsa.gov/breakfast

June 9-**Young Friends of Art Monthly Happy Hour**, second Friday of the month, free, details at www.nelson-atkins.org or call 816-751-1305

June 9-**Ozanam Guild's "Second Fridays"**. location TBA, montly happy hour benefiting Ozanam programs, 6-8pm, \$10, details at www.ozanamguild.org

June 10-American Heart Association's "**Heart Walk" 2006**, Theis Park (south of 47th St. across from Nelson-Atkins), more info at www.americanheart.org or call local AHA office at 913-648-6727. KC's 2005 Heart Walk raised over 1 million dollars.

June 15-**KC Chamber's "Business After Hours" visits Historic 18th & Vine District** (tentative), 5-7pm, \$10 members/\$25 non-members, www.kcchamber.com

June 20-July 16 **The Heart of America Shakespeare Festival 2006 presents "King Henry V"**, Southmoreland Park, 8pm, Free Will, info at www.kcshakes.org

June 21-Summer Equinox, **1st (official) Day of Summer!**

June 23-24 **Great Lenexa Barbeque Battle**, Kansas State Championship, Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park on W, 87th, Friday 5-11pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, more details or contest application at www.ci.lenexa.ks.usa

June 24-**2006 12th Annual United Way "Day of Caring"**, details or to sign up as volunteer at www.kcunitedway.org
Congratulations to The Alliance of Greater Kansas City United Ways' staff, volunteers & donors for reaching and **surpassing their 2005 Campaign goal of \$38.5 million**

June 27-July 2nd, **Kansas City Starlight Theatre's 2006 Season opens w/ "Riverdance"**, Summer Broadway show lineup includes "**Dr. Doolittle: The Musical: "Grease"**, "**Seven Brides for Seven Brothers**" and "**Hairspray**", show schedule and other KC Starlight events at www.kcstarlight.org.

KEY CONTACTS: TELEPHONE NUMBERS & INTERNET ADDRESSES---60 plus Kansas City area organizations---

Calendar of Events-Terry Sprick (tsprick@bizkc.rr.com, 816-931-4025), Greater KC Chamber of Commerce (www.kcchamber.com, 816-221-2424)

The Alliance of Greater Kansas City United Ways (www.kcunitedway.org), Heart of America United Way(www.hauw.org, 816-472-4289), www.kcunitedway.org

Ozanam Guild(www.ozanamguild.org, www.secondfridays.com), Bacchus Foundation (www.bacchuskc.com, 816-753-7278)

ODV Wine Tasting(www.odvkc.com), Kansas City Cares(www.kccares.org , 913-381-2655), Kansas City Ski Club(www.kcskiclub.org, 913-383-9006),

Friends of the Zoo/Safariz(www.kansascityzoo.org, 816-513-5800), Friends of Art/Young Friends of Art(yfa@nelson-atkins.org , 816-751-1305),

Young Friends of Union Station (yfus@unionstation.org), Kansas City's Starlight Theatre(www.kcstarlight.com, 816-363-STAR),

Bohemians/Young Friends of the Lyric Opera(bohemians@kcopera.org, 816-471-4933 X120), Arts Alive(www.artsalivekc.com , 816.516.4750),

The Barre/Young Professionals for KC Ballet(www.kcballet.org , 816.931.2232), Kansas City Repertory Theatre (www.kcrep.org, 816-235-2700), Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art(www.kemperart.org), MU Tiger Club(www.kctigerclub.com), MU Alumni Assn-KC(www.kctigers.com), KC Ad Club/Ad2Club (www.kcadclub.com, 816-822-0300), Union Station/Science City(www.sciencecity.com , www.unionstation.org, 816-460-2000),

American Heart Association(www.americanheart.org, 913-648-6727), American Cancer Society(www.cancer.org, 913-432-3277),

Big Brothers Big Sisters(www.itsabigdeal.org, 816-561-5269), Leukemia & Lymphoma Society(www.lls/mo-mid.org ,913-262-1515),

Keith Worthington Chapter ALS Assn(www.alsa-midwest.org, 913-648-2062), March of Dimes(www.modimes.org , 861-561-0175),

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation(www.komenkc.org, 816-842-0410), Literacy KC (www.literacykc.org, 816-333-9332),

Hope Lodge(www.cancer.org, 816-842-6427), Hope House(www.hopehouse-ejc.org ,816-461-4188), Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org , 816.753.2220),

American Red Cross (www.kcredcross.org , 816-929-3000),

Harvesters(www.harvesters.org, 816-231-3173),

Project Warmth(www.kctv5.com, 816-234-4949),

Salvation Army (www.salarmy-mokan.org , 816-756-1455),

City Union Mission(www.cumission.org, 816-329-1487),

Kansas City Convention & Visitor's Association(www.visitkc.com, 816-221-5242),

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (www.hccgkc.com ,816-472-6767),

Council on Philanthropy(www.kcphilnet.org), KC Harmony (www.kcharmony.org), Junior League-KC (www.jlkc.org, 816-444-2112),

Central Exchange(www.centralexchange.org , 913-471-7560), Junior League Wyandotte/Johnson Co(arbpe@aol.com, 913-371-2303),

Greater Kansas City Jaycees (www.kcjaycees.org, 816-931-2420), SACS Singles Available for Community Service(www.sacskc.com, 816-842-8656 X241), Community Care Coalition/Strokes of Support(thekanters@juno.com, 913-649-7555), KC Hospice(www.kchospice.org, 816-363-2600), KC Public TV/KCPT-Channel 19(www.kcpt.org, 816-756-3580), American Jazz Museum(www.americanjazzmuseum.com, 816-474-8463) Board of Elections; Kansas City, Jackson Co.& Johnson Co.(www.kceb.org, <http://iceb.co.jackson.mo.us> & www.jocoelection.org), Singles On the Go(www.singlesonthego.com), Kansas City Sport & Social Club(www.kcsportandsocialclub.com, 816-221-3042). Heart to Heart International.(www.hearttoheart.org, 913-764-5200), Jewish Community Center(www.jcckc.org, 913-327-8000), Friendship Exchange(www.friendshipexchange.net), The Urban Core Group(www.kcurbancoregroup.org, 816-822-8629), El Centro Inc.(www.ElCentroInc.com, 913-677-0100), United Methodist Church of Resurrection(www.cor.org, 913-897-0120), STAND-UP, Stop the Abuse Now, Develop Universal Peace, www.stand-up.org, KansasCity.com(www.kansascity.com), Kansas City Star(www.kcstar.com), The Pitch (www.pitch.com), Kansas City Small Business Monthly(www.kcsmallbiz.org), The Independent Magazine (www.kcindependent.com), Ingrams Magazine (www.ingramsonline.com).