



Richmond Kiwanis



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Richmond Kiwanis
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 President: Vickie McGinnis
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 Treasurer: Steve Meyer
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July 24, 2012 Kiwanis: " Changing the world one child and one community at a time."

J. McCarter, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at the 19th Hole Restaurant by President Vickie McGinnis with 22 members present.

- Levan Thurman led the song;
- Nathan Preston led the Pledge and
- Ed Hughes the Prayer.

Announcements: Pass the hat for Back Pack next week, July 31st.

Sergeant At Arms Report: Bob Swafford fined the following:

- **Missed Meeting:** Nathan, Christina and Sara
- **Birthday:** Jill and Jerry
- **Last one in:** Nathan
- **Badge Violation:** Nathan
- **Took a Trip:** Steve
- **Other fines:** John Richardson, Ron Brohammer, JoEllen Dale and Vickie McGinnis

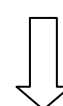
Today's Lotto winner was: Bob Swafford

Today's program was introduced by Ron Brohammer, July Program Chairman. Ron introduced Richmond's Economic Development Director, Terry Rumery. Terry has been under contract with the City of Richmond for 3 years. Terry works with several community organizations such as the Richmond Downtown Development Committee. That committee was formed with the goal of re-developing our downtown district. He itemized about five other organizations that he works with all with the purpose of making Richmond a better place to live and work. Terry is our connection with the Kansas City Area Development Council. Our efforts of economic Development have been, so far been paid for by the Richmond Economic Development, Inc. (REDI).



His message was that Economic Development for a City like Richmond doesn't just happen. We have some good things going for us in Richmond. Good schools, signs of pride in our youth and programs for the youth. You have to get out and sell the community. Our biggest drawback is our low "Pull-Factor". Pull factor needs to be a one, (1). Richmond's Pull factor is sitting at .45 or .47 as a place to shop. Getting new businesses is not easy. They all want big incentives, cash, land, etc and this community is not able to compete but we are getting into a better position thanks to efforts by the city government and administration. Business is needed to stabilize our tax base. Someone has to pay taxes for our service and it is either going to be new businesses or YOU.

Thanks Ron for bringing really good speakers this month. I notice you have one more for next week, *Ahaaa*, saving the best to last: July 31st



Ron Brohammer and the State of the City

