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- SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**
- **Sales Tax Exemptions at Risk**
 - **Save upto 15% on Office Supplies**
 - **Garden Party on May 23, 2007- Don't Miss it !!!**
 - **Help build your membership organization**



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Charity Donations Should Not Be State Revenue

Imagine giving a \$100 contribution to your favorite charity and then learning that over seven percent of it flows to the Kansas Department of Revenue. This is exactly what is happening for many area nonprofits because of an inconsistency in the sales tax law.

What you read above is correct; for many nonprofits a donor gift is diminished by up to 7.3% because they have to pay

sales tax on their purchases paid with contributed funds.

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The problem is not that some nonprofits have a sales tax exemption – which they do; rather the difficulty lies in the inconsistency in which the exemption is applied. If you are a large nonprofit which has political connections

in Topeka, chances are the organization can receive a sales tax exemption. However, many nonprofits are small, community-based operations made up primarily of volunteers without the resources to frequently travel to Topeka, testify before the necessary sub-committees and advocate for individual legislation with each of the states many legislators. (To be contd...pg:3)



Perry Schuckman, NPCOS ED, visiting with Philip Bialowitz, one of only eight living survivors of the Sobibor death camp uprising against Nazi Germany. Mr. Bialowitz was the keynote speaker for the Wichita Holocaust Commemoration Council sponsored by the Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation on April 11.

Member Benefits Increasing Monthly

Discounts galore! Key PR connections!

On June 15th the Non-profit Chamber will be introducing members to US Communities, a national program designed to assist nonprofit organizations in increasing their purchasing power through collaborative purchasing contracts. Savings can be as high as 15% at Office Depot and Home Depot. Discounts can also be secured on purchases of office machines, furniture, janitorial supplies, carpeting and many other items. Vendors will be

available to discuss possible ways of saving valued nonprofit dollars on June 15th.

Promoting the activities of a nonprofit is also rapidly becoming a significant benefit of membership. This could include client services or promoting a fund raising event. Members can submit their information for our bi-monthly Nonprofit Update which is forwarded to our entire email database.

Another promotional tool is our up to date media contact list as well as real-time notification of special features in key local publications. NPCOS is rapidly becoming the common communication outlet for these media sources and we are pleased to share it with our membership. (*Membership Details on Pg 4 of this newsletter*)

Improving Governance through “Good Works”

Mark your calendar now for **October 26, 2007** ... the date of the upcoming Board University. Designed to enhance the skills of non-profit members of board of directors, this year is expected to be a sold-out day of intense constructive trainings

Internationally Acclaimed Board University Provides BOD Training!!!

by outstanding presenters on topics such as fund development, fraud prevention, employee retention, and succession planning. Speakers on the various topics are sought worldwide. The venue for Board University

is Wichita Marriot. For further details call (316) 440-6744 or email to us at NPCOS@NonprofitChamberKS.org

Nonprofit Roundtables Provide a Comprehensive Array of Trainings

Nonprofit Roundtables have included topics as diverse as health insurance options for employees to developing social enterprise revenue streams for nonprofits.



Sedgwick County Training Cooperative

Board Support to Nonprofit Chamber of Service

The Nonprofit Chamber of Service is a membership organization made up of area nonprofits and interested organizations that is committed to improving the capacity of services provided, advancing leadership and promoting support for local charities. The Nonprofit Chamber of Service announces the new members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee is made up of Carolyn Risley-Hill, Chairperson and CEO of Starkey, Inc., Ron Pasmore, Vice-Chair and President of KETCH, Denny Bender, Treasurer and President of Arthritis Foundation, Kansas Chapter, and Pat Jones, Secretary

and Executive Director of Dress for Success.

The remaining board members include: Randy Bane, Chairman of Forgotten Heroes. U.S., Kevin Fish, Executive Director of The ARC of Sedgwick County, Frances Jackson, Executive Director of Youth Development Services, Peggy Johnson, Executive Director of Wichita Medical Research and Education Foundation, Sam Muyskens, Executive Director of Inter-Faith Ministries,

Sandy Pickert, Executive Director of Abstinence Education, Inc., Linda Stewart, Executive Director of Wichita Habitat for Humanity, Walter Thiessen, Executive Director of Wichita Child Guidance Center, Judy Weigel, Executive Director of Independent Living Resource Center, and Beverly White, Executive Director of Center for Health and Wellness.



Board of Directors of Nonprofit Chamber of Service at Walter Thiessen's "Toast & Roast" at Café Bel Ami

Volunteers Needed!!!

Volunteers needed for committees at Nonprofit Chamber

We provide the ideal opportunity for a specialty-based volunteer who would like to center their talents and team with others to plan & facilitate a particular focused activity.

Contact us at (316) 440-6744 or

Email us at: NPCOS@NonprofitChamberKS.org

www.NonprofitChamberKS.org

If interested please join us on **June 21, 2007** at **HeartSpring Conference Center** for **Volunteer Orientation from 12:00 to 1:30 PM.** (Snacks will be served)

(We help make the right connections with the right people at the right time)



Do you have a job-opening in the Nonprofit Sector???

- We will advertise it on our Website for YOU - **JOB POSTINGS - FREE for Members!!!**

For more information, visit us TODAY at

www.NonprofitChamberKS.org/jobpostings.html

or

Call (316) 440-6744

Please Join us in welcoming our newest members

- *Austin Peters Group*
- *Alzheimer's Association*
- *Arbor Education and Training*
- *Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.*
- *BKD, LLP*
- *Butler County Community College*
- *Conrad Insurance Company*
- *Central Star Credit Union*
- *City of Wichita - Human Resources Dept*
- *Child Start*
- *Community Housing Services*
- *East Wichita Shepard's Center*
- *Forgotten Heroes. U.S.*
- *First Presbyterian Church*
- *Good Samaritan Clinic*
- *GraceMed Health Clinic*
- *Goodwill Industries*
- *Hunter Health Clinics*
- *Hispanic Chamber of Commerce*
- *Global Learning Center*
- *Kansas Healthy Marriage Institute*
- *Kansas Food Bank Warehouse, Inc.*
- *La Familia Senior Services*
- *Music Theatre of Wichita*
- *Miracles, Inc.*
- *Medical Service Bureau*
- *National Multiple Sclerosis Society*
- *National Ovarioan Cancer Coalition, Inc.*
- *National Conference for Community and Justice, Inc.*
- *Peace & Social Justice Center*
- *PRO Kansas Recycling*
- *Project Independence*
- *Pregnancy Crisis Center of Wichita*
- *St. Mark United Methodist Church - E.C. Tyree Health Clinic*
- *WSU - Cooperative Education*
- *Wichita Lifeline, Inc.*
- *Urban League*
- *YWCA*

- *Robert Davis*
- *Randy Phelps*
- *Nancy McCarthy Snyder*
- *Lisette Jacobson*
- *Dennis Hunsberger*
- *Coleen Atherton-Wiley*
- *Representative Jo Ann Pottorff*
- *Polly M Basore*
- *Sierra Scott*
- *Susan O. Estes*
- *Ron Whiting*
- *Desmond Blake*
- *Deanna Carrithers*
- *LaShonda F. Milner*
- *Belyndae Johanningsmeier*



Lee Williams, CEO & President of Central Star Credit Union, one of our associate members & the sponsor for the Garden Party cheering in the audience.

We Welcome you to a Garden Party...

In the words of songwriter Ricky Nelson, come to our garden party and "reminisce with old friends."

On May 23rd we are hosting a garden party at Botanica: The Wichita Gardens to celebrate our growing membership. At the party we will be recognizing the organizations that have helped us fill our nonprofit foster and brought us to the Next Frontier. We invite all individuals interested in the nonprofit community to come and join us in this wonderful achievement of collaboration.

Honored guests will include Mayor Carl Brewer and Kansas Delegate to Nonprofit Congress Marcy Smalley from Kansas City.

Underwriters for this event are Central Star Credit Union and Botanica: The Wichita Gardens.



County Manager, Bill Buchanan addressing the audience at last year's Garden Party.

Whether you are an Executive Director or employee, member of a Board of Directors for a local nonprofit, elected official or interested community citizens, we invite you to attend this festive occasion.

Admission cost is one gift for a summer program at a Wichita Children's Home. The celebration begins at 4:30 P.M with ceremonies at 5:30 P.M. To RSVP please contact (316) 440-6744 or email Npcos@NonprofitChamberKS.org.

Please join us in celebrating the nonprofit community.

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The purchase of educational supplies, food, blankets, personal hygiene items and other consumables are all subject to sales tax. In an era where nonprofits are being squeezed to make every dollar work harder, taxing contributions is counterintuitive to the intent of the donors ... and many elected officials as well.

The good news is that there is presently proposed legislation which is said to be 'resting' in the Kansas Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee this year. SB289 would extend a sales tax exemption to all Kansas nonprofits that are certified

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501(c)3 by the IRS without exception. Many local legislators have expressed support for SB289, yet it will most likely not be advanced from committee until 2008.

Failure to make SB289 a law means an estimated cost of \$25 million dollars for Kansas nonprofits in 2007 alone. It is not hard to imagine how these dollars would be better utilized locally to assist seniors, children, the handicapped, and the many other credible efforts of our nonprofits as the donors intended.

Other states, such as Texas, have an across the board sales tax exemption for all nonprofits. Certainly the citizens of Kansas value their donated dollar as much as Texans.

Make sure your donations stay where you intended them to be used. Contact your local legislators and let them know that you support their efforts to eliminate this inefficient taxation of donor dollars by making SB 289 the law.



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Learn more about the Nonprofit Chamber at our Garden Party - May 23, 2007 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM @ Botanica Gardens - See details inside

N. P. CONNECTION - your connection to the Nonprofit Community!

And the Director Says...

The nonprofit community is in many respects at an epoch moment in history. We are confronted with countless new rules regarding accountability while being squeezed financially from all directions.

NPCOS is committed to assisting area nonprofits in countless ways such as eliminating sales taxes on consumable purchases (see article pg. 1) and protecting the present sales tax exemptions against possible threats of reversing present legislation. We have also made available to member agencies access to a discount purchasing program that could save up to fifteen percent on purchases of business supplies.

The best way to assure that the nonprofit community has the opportunity to flourish is by banding together in a demonstration of collaborative strength. NPCOS offers both social and educational programs that do just this. The reader is invited to attend our



Garden Party on May 23 at Botanica Gardens to socialize with other nonprofit executives, professionals and board members (see article pg. 3).

NPCOS also offers an extensive array of nonprofit roundtables that cover topics as broad as employee benefits to fraud prevention, from developing local media relationships to executive director survival. We also provide training for existing board members as well as recruitment of new directors.

If you are a member of NPCOS, thank you! If you are considering the benefits of membership, realize that an organization dedicated to advancing a particular industry is only as strong as its membership. Don't delay in becoming part of a nationally recognized local organization committed to building your capacity to serve your clientele.

Perry L. Schuckman
Executive Director

If you would like information on joining the Nonprofit Chamber of Service, please complete and return the form below. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

“Please send me information on membership in the Nonprofit Chamber of Service.”

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Fax _____

Return to:
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